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College included in nation-wide study supporting affirmative action

by Meghan Hern '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In recent years the phrase "affirmative action" has become so convoluted with political undertones, that it has become difficult to find the true purpose behind the words.

In a recent *New York Times* article, a study of 28 of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country, including Hamilton, found in favor of affirmative action in admissions policies. Two former Ivy League presidents, Derek Boc and William Bowen, conducted the study over a twenty year period of time.

They concluded that affirmative action policies created "the backbone of the emergent black middle class" and "taught white classmates the value of interaction."

Their study consisted of examining grades, test scores, choice of major, graduation rates, and careers of 45,000 students.

Yet the term "affirmative action," first used in the Nixon years to encourage racial integration in federal jobs, has with time become a highly politicized phrase. As the times have changed, so too have the implications behind the words.

First implemented as a means of overcoming past discriminations, Boc and Bowen assert that affirmative action is now approached as a means to insure "a healthier future for whites and blacks."

In search of a phrase less loaded with political controversy and more relevant to college admission policies, sociology professor Mitchell Stevens refers to "affirmative action" as the "aggressive recruiting of minorities."

The study refuted several arguments that have been made against "affirmative action" in recent years, and supported many arguments that have been made in favor of it. One of the main points the article touched on was the issue of fairness.

The study addressed the concern that in a situation where a black student and a white student with the same "qualifications", or perhaps even a discrepancy in "qualifications," were competing for admission into a selective college, the aggressive recruiting of minorities would dictate that the black student gain admission over the white student. The cries of reverse discrimination or unfair selection process many times follow in the wake of such decisions. Are these cries valid?

Boc and Bowen say no. They make the point that "affirmative action" is much more beneficial to the minority than it would be detrimental to the majority. The complaints of unfair treatment are usually made in reference to a discrepancy in test scores, yet when the admissions offices of some of the most elite colleges and universities in the nation decide who and who not to admit, their decisions are based on a range of qualities. They look at what each student will contribute to the college, and this may mean choosing against the student with the higher test scores and opting for the student

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Panel of experts discuss breast cancer issues

by Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PHOTO BY JAMIL ABBASY '02

Experts offer advice about breast cancer Wednesday night in the Red Pit.

The Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture continued its current series with a panel discussion, "The Battle Against Breast Cancer: Who's in Charge?" on Wednesday night in the Red Pit.

The Kirkland Project focuses on questions and topics concerning gender and social justice issues. In addition, the project provides the entire campus with occasions for intellectual debate and communication. Following a welcome by panel moderator and Jane Watson Irwin Visiting Professor of Women's Studies, Laura Malloy, radiation specialist Dr. Nancy Sheehan led things off with a discussion and slide presentation. The focus of her presentation was on the detection and diagnosis of breast cancer.

Dr. Sheehan highlighted the various screening methods for cancer, such as ultrasound, mammography, and biopsy. Dr. Geoffrey Simon, a breast cancer surgeon, then went on to detail the different surgical options available to those diagnosed with the cancer.

He described the distinctions between a lumpectomy, in which only the tumor is removed from the afflicted patient, and a mastectomy, in which the entire breast is removed.

Other scheduled presenters included radiation oncologist Dr.

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Tobin announces five priorities for '98-'99

by Brenna Chiaputti '02
NEWS STAFF WRITER

As school rolls on and students find themselves trying to sueeze more and more activities into their schedules, questions arise as to when to do what.

Do I do homework before or after practice? Should I get out on Wednesday night or get a good night's sleep for classes tomorrow? What ranks first on the "Things to do" list will almost always vary from student to student. In an office nearby, however, administrators and boards are formulating their priorities for the 1998-9 academic year, and there is less disparity among plans of focus.

In a recent press release, President Eugene Tobin announced to the Community his five goals for this year. Tobin identified his primary goal: to create a healthy social and academic environment, emphasizing that targeting substance abuse is a necessary step in attaining such a goal. Tobin's priorites also included a continual effort to strengthen the present curriculum. Such a feat would be beneficial in preparing students to develop healthy thinking habits necessary for success in the future, according to the press release. He also plans to take steps to increase the reputation and national recognition of the College as a top tier school, to increase campus diversity, and to develop a master plan to improve upon the quality of campus facilities.

Though steps are being taken to address all issues, none will evoke such talk and skepticism as the proposal to control alcohol abuse. The plan to attack alcohol abuse is not a priority unique to this campus. In the past decade the attention and energy directed at such a prevalent problem has increased immensely. Of the most infamous moves on administrators part was the enforcing of a New York State law against bulk alcohol that prohibits

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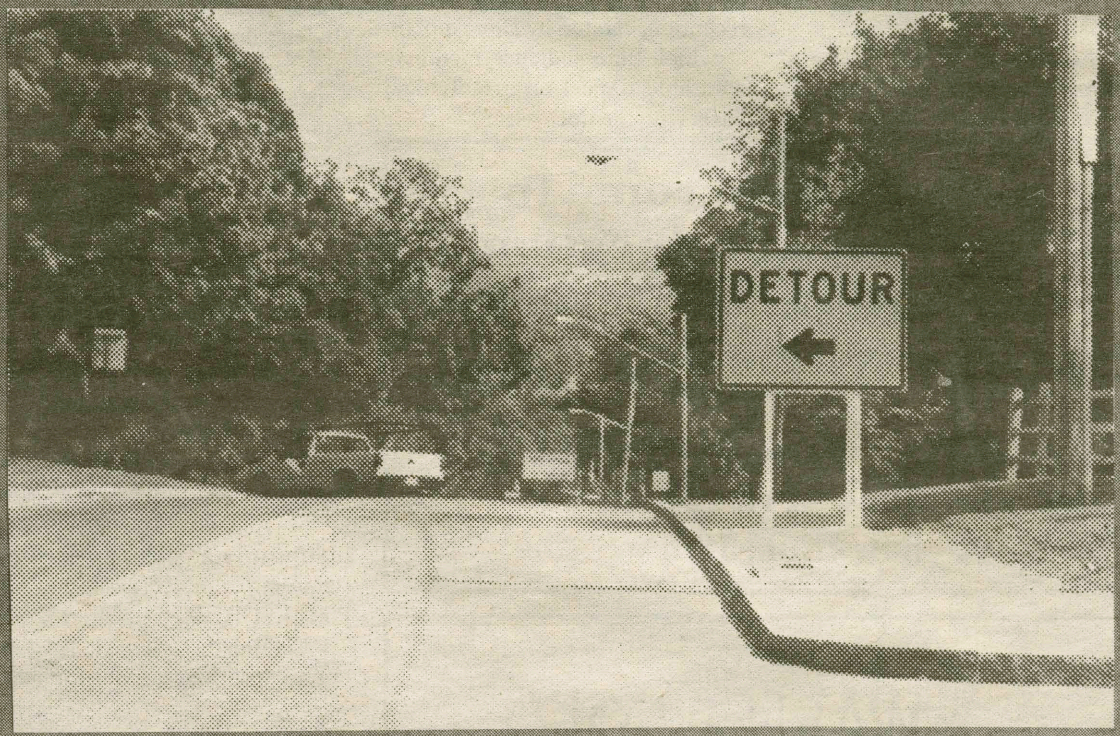

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Believe it or not, life goes on off the Hill, as we are reminded by the needed College Hill Road construction project.

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Mayor holds meeting for off-campus students

by Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Mayor of Clinton and Kirkland Police Chief Dan English came to campus on September 8 to discuss the continuous problem that the Clinton community has had with off-campus students and their lack of cooperation in respecting the "rules" set up by the rest of the community.

Excess noise has contributed to numerous complaints the police department receives each weekend. This meeting was an attempt to address the ninety students who are currently living off campus in hopes that they will become more aware of their actions and how they effect the entire community.

Pat Ingalls, Director of Campus Safety stressed that the intent of the meeting was not to just "identify the negative but to instead try and encourage students to become more proactive."

Problems arose this fall as returning students arrived earlier than usual to settle into their apartments.

Both Ingalls and Chief English made several visits into the village throughout the first few weekends to investigate the nature of the community's complaints.

They most often encountered house parties that had disrupted the surrounding neighborhoods. Problems with parking, disorderly conduct, open containers and garbage were all among the list of complaints filed with the Kirkland Police Department.

The meeting held on September 8 provided an opportunity for the students to better understand how their seemingly insignificant social actions are in fact becoming burdensome for the Clinton community.

The Mayor outlined what constituted appropriate behavior and what would be potentially disruptive, while defining the specific ordinances which the students need to respect.

Although this has been an ongoing problem with students living off of the college's campus, it appears that the situation has intensified this year.

It is the goal of the Police Department and campus safety to help both the students and the Clinton village to live amicably with one another.

Dems hold successful voter registration

by Sarah Byrne '00
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The scene in Beinecke, of young people crowding around a table in an effort to engage in the democratic process, would have made Alexander Hamilton proud.

This past week, the Hamilton College Democrats ran a non-partisan, campus-wide voter registration drive, and the results were very positive and encouraging. Students, faculty, administration, and staff all came out to register and obtain absentee ballots. In total, over 300 people can now take part in the November 3 elections.

"It is great to see so many people getting involved," said club Co-President and event organizer John Doench '00. "Those people who say that Hamilton students are apathetic obviously didn't visit Beinecke this week."

Others had equally high praise for the registration drive.

Chemistry Professor Karen Brewer called the event "incredibly helpful for students and faculty alike," while Professor Mitchell Stevens of the Sociology Department congratulated the Democrats for their "efforts on this most basic component of political mobilization."

"This is a really necessary thing for a college to have," said Sara Russell '01. "I'm glad someone took charge and organized it."

While the Democrats did most of the grunt work, the Personnel Office and the Office of the President made the drive possible. Democrat Club Co-President Jeff Ranen '99 praised the administration for "seeing the value in a voter registration drive, and supporting us in our efforts."

Those efforts were quite substantial, as Ranen noted about Doench's efforts: "He worked his tail off getting this together. He had to find information about every state and county, and then put it all together. He did a great job."

Doench responded by saying that "all of the Hamilton College Democrats really deserve credit."

"To be able to do something like this, especially at the start of the semester when most clubs are just getting started, is a real testament to the work of a lot of people, freshmen and upperclassmen alike."

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

G. William Domhoff speaks on race relations in America Thursday evening in the Events Barn.

Kirkland Project panel

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Faina Sherman, and oncologist Dr. Barbara Healy.

Following the doctors' presentations, there was a question and answer session, during which the panel took inquiries from the audience members. In addition, there was also a post-discussion reception, catered by Bon Appetit, at which time audience members were able to speak on an individual basis with the doctors.

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mass quanities of alchohol in students dorms, and a decision that still leaves a bad taste in many upperclass students' mouth is the elimination of fraternity and sorority houses.

Last fall alone brought a string of alcohol related deaths on college campuses, making national headlines. Incidents at MIT, LSU and UMass Amherst campuses have alarmed administrators nation-wide, and further incresed the force of attack on drinking, and underage drinking in particular.

"Our own campus rhythms were deeply and adversely affected in the past year by instances of inappropiate behavior, some stemming from alcohol abuse," said President Tobin.

"I think that whatever rules are imposed, nothing is going to change kids desires to experiment with alcohol in high school and college," said Gavin Fitts '02. "If they [adminisrators] try to control drinking it might even cause students to be more defiant and take it to the next level."

If deflating binge drinking altogether is an unachievable goal, the only plan of attack may be to enstate policies and take action in limiting such abuse by increasing the demands on students in other areas. Whatever the case may be as to the difficulty of the task, it is unlikely that the Hamilton administration is willing to give up the battle.

"We cannot throw up our arms in frustration and allow students to endanger their own lives and the lives of others because of momentary feelings of invulnerability," said President Tobin.

Instead, Tobin has taken further action to combat the montrosity of binge drinking. His plans include "The Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs," which will assess the severity of the problem and propose an impacting plan to control it.

Tobin also said that the mission to control binge drinking is part of a larger commitment to the educational superiority and health conscientiousness of the College.

Administrators are considering an increase in the number of examinations and scheduled classes on Fridays to cut down the weekend, a proposal that would hopefully contribute to the academic excellence of the College as well as curtail drinking.

In the past, an increase of campus activity was also seen as good way to attract students' attention away from solely drinking.

New study favors affirmative action

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who will contribute more in the area of maintaining a racially, ethnically and culturally diverse campus.

Boc states that "fairness is something that really has to be defined in terms of what the institution is legitimately trying to accomplish."

Professor Stevens argues that college is meant to prepare its students for life in the "real world." If the aggressive recruitment of minorities was to be eliminated from admissions policies, the college campus would be a contrived, homogeneous atmosphere, bereft of any sign of realism. This would inadequately prepare students for life in a diverse world. Race is relevant in that it contributes largely to what students teach one another.

Aggressive recruitment of minorities also deals with the correlation between race and class. Professor Stevens refers to the concept of race based class differences.

Sometimes, minority students who are accepted at elite universities are from low income families. When these students enter an atmosphere where many of the white students who have matriculated are from mid to upper class backgrounds, it can be difficult to adjust, and problems can and do arise.

Yet, the aggressive recruitment of minorities, while placing students in an unfamiliar and occasionally hostile atmosphere, also provides opportunities that they otherwise would not have had. Forty percent of graduates from the elite twenty eight colleges attained a doctoral or professional degree in comparison with eight percent from all schools. Boc and Bowen's study showed that these students did in fact go on to become the backbone of the emergent black middle class.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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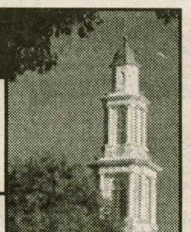

Aid at Harvard up 20%

(U-WIRE) BOSTON, Mass. — Harvard University officials last week announced an unprecedented 20 percent increase in the school's financial aid budget that includes a $2,000-per-year grant for everyone who receives aid.

The new program represents the most dramatic change in financial assistance at Harvard in three decades and will apply to all current and future students who receive university aid, regardless of need.

"It comes right off the top," Harvard spokesman Alex Huppe said. "It is money that students won't have to repay."

Officials from other universities agreed the policy will benefit Harvard students, but said it won't likely prompt changes elsewhere. About 70 percent of Harvard students receive some type of financial aid, with 47 percent awarded annual grants that average about $15,000. The new guidelines will raise those grants to $17,000. Under the new plan, students can also use outside scholarships to offset tuition costs without detracting from the financial aid package offered by the school.

Harvard officials say the plan is intended to make the university's $31,132 annual price tag more affordable and reduce student debt.

Huppe said some students have become so worried about repaying student loans that they refocus their studies into higher-paying fields.

"Instead of becoming something they really wanted to be like priests or teachers, students were going into more lucrative professions," Huppe said.

Ivies mark 25 years of women's athletics

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Twenty-five years after women were first admitted into official Ivy League sports competition, the League is pausing to look back at all that has been accomplished in female athletics.

A year of festivities is set to begin this weekend at Harvard with the unveiling of a photographic mural and a day of conferences and celebration.

Ivy League Public Relations Director Chuck Yrigoyen said the League "hopes to remember the achievements of our female athletes and recognize the progress made over the last 25 years."

The Ivy League is the oldest Division I conference for women and still sponsors more championships for women—16 in all—than any other conference. The Radcliffe crew team won the history-making inaugural championship in 1974.

Yrigoyen acknowledged, however, that men and women's athletics are still "not entirely equal."

But the emphasis of the Silver Anniversary celebration is on the positive.

Henry said she hopes the celebration will "encourage alumni support" and show today's athletes that they are "building blocks in a long and rich history."

WORLD NEWS

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Dominicans grieve for storm victims

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — With scores dead and hundreds missing, Dominicans grieved at packed churches and searched for drinkable water on Thursday throughout the hurricane-battered country.

Frantic searches continued for the missing, including 45 people who disappeared when floods swept away a shelter in San Cristobal.

As the hurricane headed for the Florida Keys, bad news kept coming from throughout the Caribbean: 27 dead in Haiti, $2 billion in damage and hundreds of homes lost in Puerto Rico, three dead and two missing in St. Kitts, two killed in Cuba. In all, the storm has been blamed for more than 110 deaths throughout the region.

Everywhere, storm victims struggled to find water, food, ice and other bare essentials to cope with loss and the tropical heat.

In the Domincan Republic, Thursday was the day of the country's patron saint, Virgen Mercedes. Residents crammed churches to pray for hurricane victims.

At the musty stone Mercedes Church in Santo Domingo, the Rev. Jose Arellano Guerrero read the names of the dead from tiny scraps of paper before 1,000 worshippers.

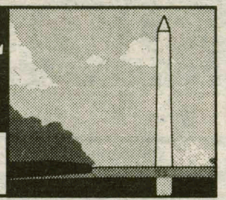
Arellano said this year's traditional street procession was canceled because downed power lines and trees made it too dangerous.

"These are the things that the Lord does that we sometimes do not understand," he said. "This is not a punishment. We should think about it and try to understand what we can learn from it."

President Leonel Fernandez announced Wednesday that 70 Dominicans had died and hundreds were still missing since Georges' 110 mph winds swept through this impoverished Caribbean nation on Tuesday.

The hurricane struck southern Cuba on Wednesday, crossed it and was moving off its northern coast Thursday afternoon, threatening the Florida Keys.

NATIONAL NEWS



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Poll: D'Amato, Schumer in dead heat

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and Democratic Rep. Charles Schumer, scrapping like pit bulls in one of the hardest fought and most expensive Senate races in the nation, are in a dead heat, according to a statewide poll released Thursday.

The poll, by the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute, is the first since the veteran New York congressman beat Geraldine Ferraro and New York City Public Advocate Mark Green last week for the Democratic nomination.

Pre-primary polls had generally shown Schumer well behind D'Amato.

The latest poll had Schumer the choice of 47 percent of likely voters with D'Amato favored by 43 percent, a tossup given the poll's margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

"D'Amato vs. Schumer is a squeaker as the campaign howls into action," Maurice Carroll, director of the Hamden, Conn.-based polling institute, said.

The telephone poll of 574 New Yorkers considered likely to vote in the November election was conducted Sept. 16, the day after the Democratic primary.

LSD may have sickened Calif. kids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The little girl suddenly began laughing loudly to herself, disrupting her fourth-grade journal-writing lesson.

It wasn't a case of the giggles. Authorities and classmates say she had brought drugs to school, eaten some and passed it out to 13 fellow students.

Soon all of the 9- and 10-year-old students were showing symptoms ranging from dizziness to nausea and hallucinations. Paramedics were called and all 14 students were rushed to the hospital, where three remained on Thursday.

Authorities believe the drug may have been LSD, discounting earlier reports that it was cocaine.

"There are several different children telling us several different things," Principal Loraine Mason of Haddon Avenue Elementary School said Thursday morning. "But the children at the center of it are the ones that are still in the hospital."

Police said they believe the girl found a box containing a powder and a vial of liquid in a box near her home on the way to school. Police Lt. Rick Papke said some of the children ingested the substance, while others licked it.

"They were completely disoriented, acting irrationally," Papke said. "Their symptoms were of those who had ingested a controlled substance."

The girl who brought the drug to school was among the three still hospitalized. Their families asked that no details of their condition be released.

Parents were shocked, but remained supportive of the school.

"There are no major problems here," said Angelica Sanchez, whose two children attend Haddon.

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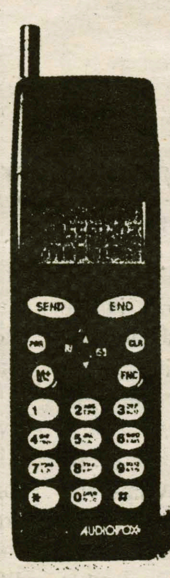

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

2:17 a.m.	Noise complaint reported in Bundy West.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

12:05 a.m.	A noise complaint reported at the Griffin Road Apartments.
1:05 a.m.	Medical emergency in Dunham.
2:13 a.m.	Hazard Condition is reported by the Town of Kirkland police.
7:45 a.m.	Medical emergency in Macintosh.
10:00 a.m.	Medical emergency in North Dorm.
11:54 p.m.	Medical emergency in Bundy West.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

2:20 a.m.	Vandalism reported in North Court.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:20 a.m.	Vandalism reported in Couper Hall.
9:27 a.m.	Medical emergency in North Dorm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
—No Incidents Reported—

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
—No Incidents Reported—

Class of '02 election results announced

President

Ted Bailly and Sara Weinstein

** There was a tie. A run-off for President wil take place Sept. 30th in Beinecke.

Representatives

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Josh Cooper

Professor wins Neruda poetry prize

PRESS RELEASE

George O'Connell, visiting assistant professor of creative writing and English, has been awarded The Pablo Neruda Prize in Poetry.

The award is one of two presented annually by the Ruth G. Hardman Foundation in a competition administered by Nimrod International Journal, a literary magazine published by the University of Tulsa.

O'Connell received the award for his work "Confetti" and other poems.

The final judge for the award was Pulitzer Prize-wining poet Henry Taylor of American University.

The award will be presented at a ceremony in October at the University of Tulsa, at which time O'Connell will do a reading and participate in a panel with Taylor.

O'Connell's poetry has appeared in such magazines as The American Poetry Review, Antioch Review, Chelsea, Nimrod, The Mississippi Review, Southern Poetry Review, and Atlanta Review.

A triple nominee for the 1998 Pushcart Prize he received both first and second prizes in The 49th Parallel Poetry Awards, sponsored by The Bellingham Review, and the International Grand Prize in the Atlanta Review poetry competition. He also won the Soundpost Press Prize in Poetry for his collection, Getting the Range.

O'Connell earned an M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, a master's in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Class of '01 Judicial Board petitions:

Clementine Martin

My name is Clementine Martin and I am running as a Sophomore representative for J-Board. In high school, I was involved with several committees in which students judged the actions of other students and although difficult at times, I feel that I stayed objective and made decisions based on justice. I am an honest and fair-minded person and I truly believe that each person is innocent until proven guilty. I am very enthusiastic about Hamilton's community and about the role our class plays within it.

Jessica Eakin

I believe that J-board plays an important role in shaping our school's community. I want to be a part of this and make Hamilton a place in which we can all live and find fair. I have previous experience as I served on council in high school where I helped form and chair a J-board.

Darren Block

Here at Hamilton I have found a second home. There were many reasons why I choose Hamilton, and one of those was the safety factor. I feel comfortable at night walking around campus coming back from a party or the library. It is those concerns I would protect on J-board. I feel I can hold the position with dedication and fairness to the truth. As I have always been and continue to be a good listener, I will give each side of every case the utmost care and rational thought. My favors lie nowhere but in the truth.

The Fall semester funding hearing was held on Sunday, September 20 in the Honor Court room in Bristol. 35 student organizations submitted budget proposals and participated in the hearing. The funding committee of the SA thoroughly reviewed each organization's request and came up with a reasonable budget for the semester. On Monday, September 21, the Assembly approved the proposed budget of $94,659.21 for the fall semester. The following summary shows each organization's allocation for the semester. If you have any questions, please contact Paige Peters, Treasurer, Student Assembly.

ORGANIZATION	Fall '98 Allocation
Adler Conference	$600.00
Asian Cultural Society	$1,380.00
Bobby Peru	$215.00
Buffers	$1,659.20
Conservative Club	**$50**
Campus Activities Board	$69,087.00
CCC	$50.00
Classics Club	$200.00
Emerson Literary Society	$645.00
Foreign and Fine Film Society	$1,924.00
French Club	**$70**
German Club	$450.00
Hamilton Classic Film Society	$1,250.00
Hamilton College Democrats	**$344.9**
Hamilton College Paintball Team	$590.00
Hamilton Environ. Action Group	**$1003.95**
Hamiltones	$485.00
ISC	$1,050.00
International Relations Group	$3,542.16
International Students Assoc.	$865.00
Islamic Association	**$110**
Middle Eastern Union	**$10**
N.A.S.S.A.	no reques
Root Jessup	no reques
Russian Club	$60.00
Samuel Kirkland Film Society	$3,155.00
SHARP	no reques
Sitting Group	$630.00
Spanish Club	$395.00
Special K	$370.00
Student Dance Alliance	$465.00
Trust Treat	$1,780.00
Untitled At Large	$610.00
Whenow Dance Troupe	$360.00
Yodapez	$170.00
CLASS OF 1999	$275.00
CLASS OF 2000	$498.00
CLASS OF 2001	$310.00
TOTALS	$94,659.21

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Calendar

LECTURES

The Biology Department will host a Communicating Science conference over October Break, Sat. Oct. 3 - Mon. Oct. 5.

FILM

The Campus Activities Board presents the cheesy 80s flick *Caddyshack* on Fri. Sept. 25 at 11pm in KJ Auditorium.

NASSA will present *High Horse* and *Tenacity*, the next in its film series, on Wed. Sept. 30 at 7pm in KJ Auditorium.

ARTS

CHECKITOUT

The Hamilton College Democrats will hold Voter Registration in the Beinecke alcove on Fri. Sept. 25 from 11am to 2pm.

The Campus Activities Board presents a concert with *One Fell Swoop* on Sat. Sept. 26 at 9pm in the Events Barn.

Alpha Theta Chi is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tues. Sept. 29 from 11:30am to 4:30pm in the Events Barn.

HAVOC is holding a meeting for all those students interested in Alternative Winter/ Spring Break on Wed. Sept. 30 at 8pm at the Red Pit.

FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/

MOVIES

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 25 - OCT. 1

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Ronin	*6:50, 9:40*	*Rounders*	*6:40, 9:20*
Urban Legend	*7:00, 9:50*	*Something About Mary*	*6:55, 9:35*
Rush Hour	*7:10, 9:45*	*Saving Private Ryan*	*7:15*
One True Thing	*6:35, 9:25*	*Armageddon*	*6:30, 9:35*
Simon Birch	*6:45, 9:15*		

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History Professor discusses racism

by Jocelyn Cipolaro '99
FEATURES WRITER

Last Thursday night Clarence Walker, a history professor at the University of California, Davis, gave a lecture in the Events Barn titled "All God's Dangers Ain't a White Man," or "Not all Knowledge is Power." The lecture was about Afrocentricity, the belief in the superiority of African Americans, .

In addition to teaching at Davis, Professor Walker has taught at Wesleyan College, and published several academic articles on African American history. He has also published a book entitled *Deromaniticizing Black History: Critical Essays and Reappraisals.* Walker is currently working on two books, including one on Afrocentricity.

Walker begin his lecture by describing the climate of the late 20th century as one of "free market racism," reminiscent of the past. Contemporary African-Americans, according to Walker, are subjected to hostile forces from within and without.

Walker also spoke at length about Afrocentric distortion of African-American history. He promoted the call for a more positive action today, meaning more elevation and less degradation. However, he condemned the revision of history to raise the esteem of blacks today. History should reflect reality. It is futile, for example, for African-Americans to reconceptualize history so that their ancestors are Pharoahs. Rather, they should accept the fact that they are descended from slaves and take pride in slave success stories.

Finally, Walker addressed the recent comparison by scholars between the slave trade and the holocaust. Although both would technically be defined as genocide, there are important differences between the two. First, one nation was responsible for the Holocaust, while several countries participated in the slave trade. Further, slaves belonged to an owner; Jewish prisoners were not propertyu of one person. Walker asserted that the two events ultimately cannot be death, and the slave trade was about exploitation. He called the Afrocentric comparison of the two happenings "victim envy." African-Americans do not need to compare the wrongs that they suffered to the Holocaust.

The professor attributed the popularity of the Afrocentric movement to its creation of community. The Million Man March reinforced the message that African-Americans are nothing if they do not take part in the community. This establishment of community, however, should not be at the expense of historical facts. Professor Walker concluded with a fitting quote from Booker T. Washington, "Not all knowledge is power."

Study abroad fair lets students dream

by Lou Insel '00
FEATURES WRITER

Traveling takes courage. To leave the security of your home and hearth takes guts, since you run the risk of having your nice situation flipped upside down. In this gamble, the losers slink back to their homes, while the winners reap rewards so amazing they defy description. The meeting on wednesday of study abroad participants in the Filius Events Barn was an exhibition of the winners in traveling, those people who have been irrevocably changed by their experience and have loved every minute of it. These winners, as victors often do, worked to fuel the fire of travel in the minds of the students who attended the fair.

These veterans described experiences in countries ranging from Tanzania to Spain. They could be broken down into two groups: those who participated in Hamilton run programs and everyone else. That is to say that while Hamilton does offer a number of programs in other countries, there are far more alternatives. One commonly mentioned name was that of The School for International Training(SIT).

SIT was spoken about by a number of study abroad participants as being the "best" of the programs available. The rationalization for this was that SIT has the most interesting courses as well as the most contacts overseas. One participant was involved in an SIT program in Ecuador which allowed her not only to study at a university, but as part of an independent study program, she taught shool children english.

Heather's experience is representative of many other participants'. She not only studied numerous subjects inside the University of Wales, she also got from her time in Ecuador a new sense of herself. She learned all about their culture by participating in it fully. She let herself be immersed in it, rather than floating on the surface, as some people have complained can occur in Hamilton programs.

There were some complaints here and there about independent study programs, though. One woman said that many people forget, while in their respective countries abroad, that any independent study programs must be cleared in advance with the necessary departments. This means that you could receive no credit for work you have done if you don't first clear your idea with the necessary people.

All in all, the study abroad program here is flexible. All that is required to go abroad is an 82 average (that is for the 2 semesters previous to the one spent abroad). Then there is the paperwork and the meetings, but all of that fades away as your plane leaves the ground.

One woman, who spent her semester in Spain told me of friends who are still there and might not be coming back. The beauty of traveling from the comfort of your home is that there's always the chance you'll find a new one that's even cozier.

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RILEY'S

Irregular Ramblings

Mental encounters of the soul

by Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

There are two kinds of people in the world - those who want to enjoy what everyone else is enjoying, and those who want to enjoy something better than what everyone else has. Some people believe that the greatest things in the world go unrecognized for their merit by the common person. Others are too caught up in the concrete reality of exactly how green the grass is on the other side of the fence to imagine what would be ideal for themselves. You can try to separate these two categories into distinct causal relationships, and say that some are left-brained and some are right-brained, or that some are concrete-sequential while others are abstract-random. You could choose instead to believe that the difference stems from environmental differences, rather than physical ones. When a person with no imaginative social desires interacts with a more creative liver, the confrontation of opposites does not create a harmonious balance.

For example, imagine a job interview between two such opposing thinkers. The two sides of the conversation are spoken in virtually different languages. "How would you be able to contribute to our organization's productivity? Do you have any specific ideas for reducing the percentage of 'down-time' among employees on a day to day basis?"

"Well, the first thing I'll need to do is get everyone's complete astrological chart. It might be a bit complex to work out production schedules to coincide with phases of the moon, but I'm working on a computer program for that right now. If you'd like to invest in it, you'll be the first company to take advantage of the most revolutionary industrial innovation since the assembly line, and you'll also be a shareholder in my new company."

"How will you have time to serve as a manager here while you're starting your own company?"

"Oh, that's the thing, man, I don't want the job, I just wanted to pitch my epiphany to you. I'm just that good a person."

"How would you be able to contribute to our organization's productivity? Do you have any specific ideas for reducing the percentage of 'down-time' among employees on a day-to-day basis?"

"I will bring the complete particle reversal - I will stop, time and the crossed streams will flow backwards instantaneously. Before the black widow can be made we must bust wide open on our mind felts and break hammerjack, run out scenes of the black widow can be made we must bust wide open on our mind felts and break hammerjack. We'll need to all conquer our spirit demons with transmissions of thought."

"Are you a legal citizen of the United States?"

College admissions interviews might similarly pit free-thinking liberal arts students against high school high achievers who have been programmed to catalogue exact descriptions of their "socially useful activities" within their memory banks.

"Do you believe in the soul? If so, do you think that the mind and the soul are inseparable, in other words is the soul a physical manifestation or not?"

"Well, the only time that I ever felt the presence of what I thought might have been my so-called 'soul' was during a Student Assembly meeting this past year. I was giving a very emphatic speech about the need for a recognition ceremony for students who were on the Yearbook staff, which I was also a part of. I felt this deep sense of, shall we say, soulful selflessness as I championed my cause. But when I realized that I was really going to have another official service award to put on my transcript to show you here at Hamilton, the pride could only have been from my soul."

"I don't know if I would call that selflessness - selfishness, perhaps. There won't be a need for any more questions, since you've just revealed your character so efficiently."

"I was wondering what you thought about this philosophical question - can everything about human existence be explained in physical terms, or is life really the creation of something that exists apart from the physical realm, in a realm of perception that we have not yet discovered?"

"We touched on this issue once at a Future Businesspeople of America meeting. A specialist in corporate ethics with some ideas that you might call fairly progressive was speaking to us about the intense materialism, as he called it, in big businesses. He tried to argue that material goods were not the most important aspect of a happy life, and that spiritual pursuits were somehow more essential. But we asked him why a majority of Americans would not be striving to always increase their material worth if that were not going to make them happier?"

"Most Americans don't have the chance to acquire enough wisdom to know what will make them happy, and neither are you - at least not at this school."

FACES IN THE CROWD

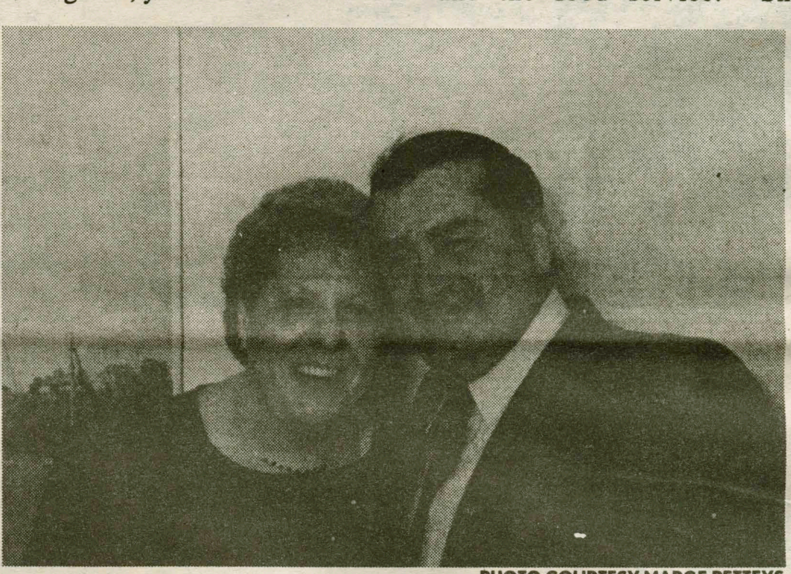
Marjorie Petteys

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES WRITER

You know how it is. It's 8:00 in the morning, you are groggy and feeling sorry for yourself that you are up this early. You were up all night before and you still have so much work to do. With a small grunt of dismay, you extend one hand (the maximum effort that you can make in this state) and offer your meal card to that woman who always stands by the door. All you can think about is how in thirty seconds you will be on your way to stagger across the dining hall with the sole motivation of filling your bowl with Lucky Charms and getting a big ol' cup of coffee to wake up those tired eyes of yours. But then you look up from the floor and a smile meets you. "Good morning, sweetie", she says, "Did you have a long night ?" All of a sudden you cannot even remember what put you into such a funk. Who is the bearer of this soothing voice and those compassionate eyes? Yes, you know, this smile and heart of gold belongs to Majorie Petteys, or Marge, as so many students affectionately call her, a woman who has uplifted the spirits of diners at Commons and McEwen for the past five years.

After volunteering at St. Mary's, a Catholic K-6 school in Clinton for seven years, Marge accepted a job on the Hill. A resident of nearby Sauquiat for the past twenty-seven years, she did not know what to expect when she decided to join a college community. She worked in McEwen for the first two years, and then came to the "Other Side" of campus to work at Commons and has been there ever since. Her position as meal card checker has provided her with the opportunity to see and befriend many of the hungry diners who come her way three times a day, every day. Her warm personality, outgoing and caring nature, and the universal need for the beloved thing called FOOD have allowed her to transcend any barriers that may have separated her from the experiences of the students she greets daily. Today she regularly receives postcards from students who are studying abroad, advises students about the necessary balance between study time and party time, has pictures taken of her with students and their parents on graduation, and attends athletic events to watch "her kids" in action. She said with a smile of satisfaction, " What can you do? They beg me to come. I have to stop in to see my kids!" A mother of four, she is very fond of young people and especially those she has encountered on the Hill. She said, "Hamilton kids are incredible. When they say good morning to me, they make my day here. They are all good kids. In five years, I have not met a bad kid."

However, Marge's life has not always been as idyllic as it may seem. In 1994, she lost her 23-year-old son, Herbie, in a tragic snowmobile accident due to a drunk driver. She now considers herself a "mother with a mission." Her mission is to spread the word about her son and to warn college students about the danger of drinking and driving. Every year she and her husband, Herbert Sr., post a billboard with a picture of their son, "her angel", and the simple message," Please Don't Drink and Drive. The family of victim Herb Petteys Jr." along Oneida Street between Washington Mills and Chadwicks. She also has a similar message on her car that says, "For Herbie, Stop DWI." The tragedy has inspired Marge and her husband to work for others and has strengthened their marriage. She commented,"{When something bad happens} and everybody comes together, you survive. You have to work together. Nobody can break the bond that we {my husband and I} have. A lot of people do not understand that we looked to each other for support when it happened. We are even closer now." Evidence of this amazing bond that has grown out of tragedy is the fact that Marge and her husband recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.



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Marge and her husband Herb recently celebrated their 35th wedding Anniversary.

Marge left work for a year after the death of her son. However, she says, "I missed Hamilton every day." Marge knew that she wanted to come back, but she was devastated by the tragedy and could not find it within herself to make the transition back to campus. Finally, one day her boss, Joe Cappa, of Bon Appetit Services, called and said, " Marge, why don't you come back?" Without any hesitation, she accepted the offer and has been back on the Hill ever since. She particularly enjoys her job because it allows her to interact with young people and every day she is reminded of the happy memories she has of her son. She commented, "I love it here more than words can say. I would not work at another college. I couldn't ask for a better work environment. People here are more than willing to help you. All the people I work with are just super. We are really like a family."

Marge's husband can also frequently be found on campus spreading his own message of love and good will. Marge reaffirmed his affection for the students here by saying," He knows a lot of the kids here. Recently the two of us were out to dinner and we saw a Hamilton student at the restaurant with his girlfriend. I said to him, 'Want to make somebody really smile today, Herb?" and he said yes. So we paid for the bill and I wrote, 'Enjoy, Love, Marge'. When the student came in to eat the next day, he thanked her and questioned why she would do something so nice. She responded, "Does there always have to be a why to something? If you show love to someone, it makes you stronger."

Like many other members of the community, Marge is especially enthusiastic about the recent improvements made to Commons and the food service. She commented, "That building has a lot of character. I think the food service is excellent. They are doing one hundred percent. The new Commons is unbelievable. When I came in the first time and it was done, I thought, this is outstanding!"

The only change that Marge would make on the Hill would be to encourage students to take care of one another even more than they do now. She commented,"I want everyone to take time for others. Open that door, say good morning. If every person, every day, did that, there would be a lot more love in this world. And, never drink and drive. On behalf of our son, please remember what can happen. It could be you that doesn't come home."

One of the best parts of Marge's job is her opportunity to meet students who she considers to be "the top." She said with a spark of glee in her eye. "My favorite is when graduation comes. I love it when kids come up with their parents. They say, Mom and Dad, these are the people that have fed us for four years. I love that."

As far as Marge is concerned, Hamilton is just the right place for her, and she's definitely right that she fills an important role on campus. With a warm smile, she proudly reports, "There is a lot of love on this Hill."

WHCL Program Guide

TIME	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.	Cheezus Rice Ben	Slaughterhouse 5 Dan, John	In Between Days Alison, Amy	Hepatitis B Carl, Oren	Cooking with Hot Pots Cait, Lindsay	Entropy Alex	Carbon David, Amy
5:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Classical Cornucopia Shawn	Tunes of a Scorpio Aron	Wake Up Call Lauren	Your Weekly B/J Jeff, Brian	Waiting for the Snow to Fall Doug	Pants Optional Peter	OPEN
8:00a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast with the Masters Andrew	Show that gives worms to ex-girlfriends Neil	Rosemary's House of Love Rosemary	Back at the Chicken Shack Adam, Josh	The Morning Mix Genevieve	The Gloria & Horsehair Show Meghan, Kathleen	Classical Conundrums Meredith, Stephanie
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Jazz with Dave Dave	The Pantalones Express Ben	Funkmaster Fritz: 2hrs of power Fritz	Violent Orange Tangarines Chris	A Montage of Glix Elliott, Susan	Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle Jay	The Jazz Cabana Andrew
12:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Saxual Healing Keith, Seth	J.T.'s Down Home Jamboree James	All His Glory Ruth	Chunky Yet Cozy Greg, Matt	Carribean Blend Waltnel, Amanda, Tahinde	Moment of Zen Kate	Language Show French Dept.
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Monk's Dream Erol, Osman	Bulldog Irfaq Justin	The Winter of Our Discontent Liz, Rebecca	The Dynamic Duo Jessica, Steve	Rex's Dog House Dave	Horseshoes & Hand Grenades Karl, Eric, Denis	Absolutely Incredible Chris, Ali, Justin
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Elephant Jive Eli, Jay, Zack	That's the Way We Like It Sarah, Zoe	Skamilton Keith Your Sanity is a Rumor Bryan	Chogagog-Monchogagog Tim, Nat	I'm the DJ! Bonnie, Lori	The Tiki Wonder Variety Show Sarah	The Dodo Show Adam, Dan, Abbey
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Machiavelian Moments John, Jack	Spaghetti Heaven Christina	The Source Liz, Peter	Bleacher Creatures Dave	Politics Today Jon, Jeff, Peter	Run & Shoot Sports Chris, Ian, Rich	3 Ring Circus Jack, Karl, Eric
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Jazz Moments Erol	Women in Sports Today Bev	The All-American Sports Show Dan	Bleacher Creatures Dave	Politics Today Jon, Jeff, Peter	Run & Shoot Sports Chris, Ian, Rich	3 Ring Circus Jack, Karl, Eric
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Jazz Moments Erol	The Shoe Leather Express Ryan, James, Jeremiah	No Offense Liz, Peter	No Pants Required Adam	A Litl' Somethin' Charlotte, Tricia, Jordan	What's This Button Do? Colin	Pregame Irene, Brigitte, Ferriter
9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Anywhere But Here Jonathan	Blue Bayou Dave, Brett	The Peanut Butter Test Jon, Jaime	Broken Thai Morgan	Skin & Bones Matt, Sue	Crazy-Wack-Funk-ee! Chris, Elena	That Somebody Vidal, Nelson
11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.	Jazzercise Gavin, Noah, Nate	Ya Know What I'm Sayin' David, Josh	Girls Love Platforms Dave	The Playa Show Sam, Jason	Latinas en Control Cynthia, Joanna, Laura	Papal Schism Carl	DaFUNK Dave

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	TIME
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CLASSICAL	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	JAZZ	5:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
CLASSICAL	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	CLASSICAL	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
JAZZ	AOR	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	JAZZ	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
JAZZ	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY	12:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
JAZZ	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	NEW MUSIC	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
JAZZ	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	AOR	4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW	PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW	SPORTS TALKSHOW	SPORTS TALKSHOW	PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW	SPORTS TALKSHOW	SPORTS TALKSHOW	6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
JAZZ	SPORTS TALKSHOW	SPORTS TALKSHOW	SPORTS TALKSHOW	PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW	SPORTS TALKSHOW	SPORTS TALKSHOW	7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
JAZZ	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	AOR	PARTY	7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
WORLD	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	NEW MUSIC	PARTY	9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
JAZZ	URBAN CONTEMPORARY	URBAN CONTEMPORARY	URBAN CONTEMPORARY	URBAN CONTEMPORARY	NEW MUSIC	PARTY	11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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EDITORIAL

Non-voters, listen up!

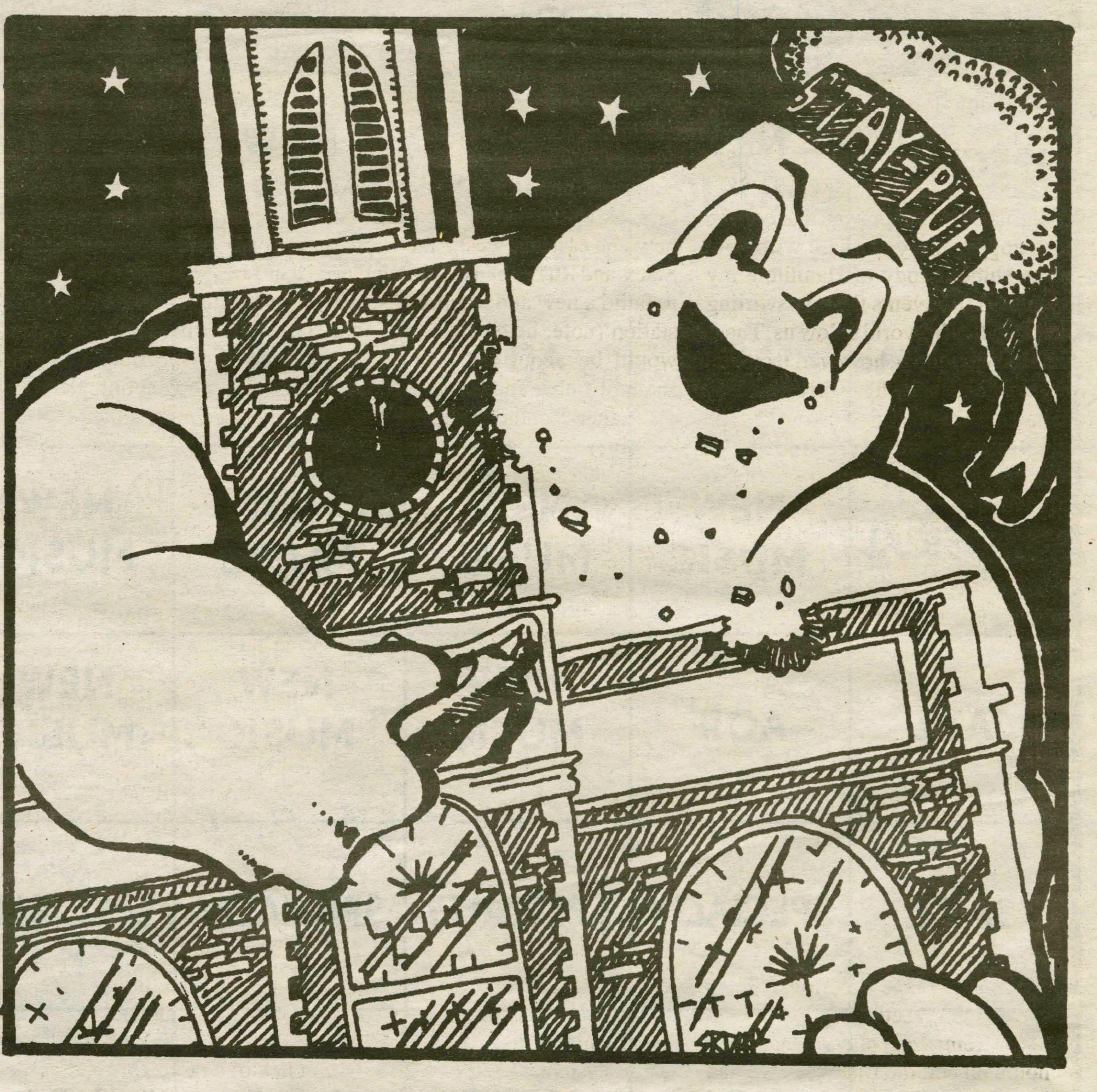
Hamilton students complain a lot about not knowing what is going on in the outside world. Over the course of the last semester several very similar articles actually filled this editorial box urging students to take the time to find out what's going on out there, because, whether we feel the effects in our daily lives or not, the events of the outside world do have an impact upon us. Now don't just go to the newspaper and skim all of the juicy articles about the Lewinsky affair. Stay in touch with the outside world. Remember what's going on out there -- like the November elections. (If you just had to ask yourself, "What November elections?" keep reading. This editorial is aimed at you.)

One can call this week's Democrat Club sponsored voter registration drive "successful" in that many students finally got off their duffs and registered to gain access to this most fundamental democratic right. But what of those students that passed the table in Beinecke saying, "I don't have time right now." Whether going off to that oh-so-important class or to meet some friends, the excuse simply isn't good enough.

Voting is a privilege that can be taken away. Think about it. If some random member of Congress proposed legislation tomorrow that revoked the right of eighteen year-olds to vote, sighting a lack of interest and a general lack of knowledge as far as the democratic process, it might just pass. "Twenty-something" Americans have no "voice." We don't have lobbyists looking out for our interests, and we surely don't vote as a block on anything, because we don't vote. Scratch that. It's not fair to generalize -- some of us do vote. In fact, some of us are very responsible citizens and understand the importance of each and every vote. We at The Spectator commend these individuals.

There were those that had to ask, "What is this for?" at the registration drive, and were answered with a direct, "We're registering people to vote in state and local elections." Some looked more than slightly confused. Why? Did these students not read a newspaper or even watch the evening news over summer break? How can anyone not know that elections are taking place this November? Granted, it's not a presidential election year, so there is not quite so much hoopla as in 1996. Still, it is appalling to think that young Americans of eligible voting age can be so politically unaware -- do not realize how important their role is in our system of government. As George Jean Nathan once said, "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote." Or to use a present day analogy: Don't blame me for electing Clinton if you didn't bother to vote against him.

Vote. Use your political "voice."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"There's nothing to do..."

To the Editor:

Everywhere I turn on this campus, I hear a common complaint, "There's nothing to do here." I have to admit that sometimes I catch myself saying the exact same thing, but I sit here and wonder why. There is definitely no reason for us to be complaining. If anything the problem isn't a lack of entertainment, but a lack of participation.

Last Saturday night at the *Toshi Reagon* concert, this lack of participation was once again exemplified. A concert hall that seats 700 people sat only 150. Of those 150 people probably less than 50 were students from this campus. I don't understand why? *Toshi Reagon and the Big Lovely* was a concert geared specifically for the student body. This six piece outfit, drums, two acoustic guitars, an electric guitar, a bass, and a mandolin, played an emotional variety of blues, folk, and rock, "a divine mix of funk and fervor." They played an amazing show that those 150 people will never forget. In fact, numerous people told me that *Toshi Reagon* was the best concerts that they have ever seen at Hamilton. So why did this concert gem have less than 50 Hamilton students?

The excuses I have heard in the past week included, "Well I didn't know about it," "I don't have 5 bucks", "I was too drunk", and "Well I really wanted to go but....." Interesting excuses but they don't hold water. For those who said that they didn't know about it, did you not read the numerous campus e-mails? Did you not see the uncountable number of posters hanging up around campus and displayed on the dining hall tables? For those that said they didn't have five dollars, I want to address a realization. Two bottled beers at the *Rok* or three beers on tap is the same price as two hours of musical enjoyment at Wellin Hall. Plus, if you were to see them away from Hamilton you would pay at least $20. Let's not forget that you can use your ID card to pay for concerts. For those that were too drunk, you can get drunk anytime but you probably won't have another chance to see *Toshi Reagon*. Finally for everyone else, all I can say is "motivation".

I am not trying to condemn the Hamilton campus for not going to the *Toshi Reagon* concert, I am just trying to make everyone aware of what they miss. I'm lucky, I happen to work at Wellin Hall. I get to see all of the wonderful concerts that everyone should be able to enjoy and not just me. It is a shame when the hall is so empty; it's an embarrassment to the concert hall and it's an embarrassment to the Hamilton community. If concerts continuously lack participation, Wellin Hall will have a harder time finding enjoyable and recognizable shows because the word will get around to performers that no one shows up for the concerts at Hamilton. Then the statement that there's nothing to do will have more validity.

Wellin Hall isn't the only area that's lacking student and faculty participation. Emerson Gallery Exhibits, sporting events, brown bag lunch series, departmental lectures, and theater productions to name a few, have the same problem. All of these hold potential entertainment value and all we have to do is walk across campus to participate. If we just open up our eyes to all the events that exist at Hamilton I'm sure that our original statement, "There's nothing to do", will turn into, "There's so much to do."

Molly Timmers '99
House Manager for Wellin Hall

*An upcoming event that may evaporate our boredom is the *Trinity Irish Dance Company* with live Celtic music October 18 in Wellin Hall. *The Trinity Irish Dance Company* is the "forerunner to the recent spectacular 'Riverdance' and 'Lord of the Dance.'" For only $5 students can see an internationally acclaimed dance company by just walking to Wellin Hall.

Why Russia is on the left hand corner of the page

AMANDA TAYLOR
REFLECTIONS

Apparently, I've learned enough in the past two weeks to have an opinion. Although I don't feel any more worldly or knowledgeable, I can now find my way around and get e-mail, and have therefore been entrusted by the powers that be with the opportunity to share with you, the student body of Hamilton, my take on the events that are swirling around in the world below us. There is one condition, however. It cannot be about the president's indiscretions.

Unfortunately, finding a relevant, controversial, issue to tirade about has proven to be a difficult task. On Tuesday, September 22, the front cover of *The New York Times* was plastered with video-stills of the newly released Clinton testimony. At the bottom of the page were pictures of the United Nation's supportive reception of the President and his address concerning world terrorism. Close, but still not kosher. There was little controversy over the fact that Puerto Rico was hammered by Hurricane Georges (El Niño strikes again). Hidden on the left hand corner of the page, however, was the headline "NASA Wants Money to Save Russia Partner," followed by an article by William J. Broad that surely very few people read.

The basic gist of the article was that, as a "symbol of cooperation between east and west," the United States and Russia had come together to build a new and improved space station (note: better than Mir) that would be about the size of two football fields and be powered by solar-energy cells. Due to the recent economic crisis in Russia, the country has not been able to pay their share of the bills, thus the plan has been delayed (similar to our problem with the Commons dining hall but on a slightly larger scale). In order to save the project, NASA wants to spend up to $660 million in the next five years and is facing opposition from Congress and the White House.

William J. Broad's article might have been skipped over simply because there is nothing new about the questions raised by large scale government spending on the space program. Some people believe in helping people starving in the streets before discovering E.T. and others think that people will starve no matter what we do, scientific advancement must continue. I have no intention of debating that question today, my venturing to have an opinion does not quite stretch that far.

I must also point out that Broad's article might have been skipped over because there is nothing new about problems in Russia, in either a literal or historic sense. We are all vaguely aware of the fact that President Yeltsin has been experiencing political difficulties of late (by no means paramount to our current, very significant political dilemma) with the appointing of his new Prime Minister and the appeasment of the Duma. We are also aware of the fact that the ruble is sinking fast, and an economic slump is hitting the world economy. Some of us are aware of this because of the falling value of our stocks. Historically speaking, regardless of the generation we are a part of, we have all grown up with unsettling headlines about the east, whether it be concerning the imminent threat of nuclear war and communist takeover, or the coup that removed Gorbachev and communism.

My main point of contention is the reason why this article was placed in the bottom left hand corner of the newspaper. We are no longer afraid of being blown up, taken over, or watching political chaos reign. Two decades ago, a headline about cooperation between the United States and Russia in space would have been a major achievement. Aside from scattered reporting on Mir, the whole idea of Russia and space has not been an issue for the past few decades. The country is no longer viewed as a threat, so there is no interest in relations on our part. Originally, it was thought that keeping Russian scientists involved in the space program was a good way to keep them away from their other, less peaceful area of expertise. Cooperation was encouraged for our safety.

Today, most Americans worry about the effect the failing Russian economy will have on our own economy. Because the United States has no single enemy that threatens us politically, economically, or even culturally, we no longer seem to care about other parts of the world, or outer space for that matter.

Quite appropriately, we care when we're afraid of getting hurt. If we thought that this new space station would provide a breakthrough in international relations and therefore avert war, that headline would have been front page material. This raises the spectre of the forbidden issue. I will not talk about it, I will just ask why we care about the personal life of one certain person? Is it perhaps because deep down we are afraid of what affect this revolution in the boundaries of media, politics, and public life will have on our country? Or is it just an overriding fascination with sex?

Adventures in the information age

ADAM HOGAN
ONLY IN AMERICA

Four years ago, my parents purchased our first PC. I remember playing *Doom* for hours on end the first week we had it. Now, four years later, I find myself relying on my own PC for various aspects of my life. It covers everything from games to communicating with friends to important projects. This week, I watched all of that almost end in a flash.

As most of you are aware, the campus dealt with a virus known as the CIH Spacefiller. I have seen a few computer viruses, but this one is the worst ever. It has the potential to wipe out an entire hard drive, and even attack a part of the main system known as the BIOS. If this chip is erased, you have a $2,000-$3,000 doorstop, as that is all your system will be good for.

As many people do, I have an antiviral program running at all times. This virus is so nasty that my Norton Antiviral program did not even see the virus until it had infected over 75 executable files on my system. After speaking to Debbie Quayle at ITS, I was referred to Spencer Mindlin, '00, a fellow systems technician. I was told that I had the aforementioned virus and that most software would not remove it. He had already done a vast amount of research on it, and had found specific programs to clean the virus off his system.

I began the task of scanning and cleaning my system, a task that took hours. Just a few minutes ago, Midlin gave me the definitive cure that will b e made available campus-wide tomorrow morning. I will run it tonight while I sleep, as it can take up to eight hours to complete the task of scanning and cleaning a drive. It is not exactly something I want to do when I have a paper to write or program to complete.

The point of all this chaos in the story is to demonstrate how much we have come to depend on computers to enhance our lives. Think about how much your telephone bill would increase without the use of e-mail. You might only see this publication every other week because it would take so much longer to complete. These are only trivial concepts. If this virus had affected a more important group of systems, like those of a power company we all could end up in the dark in the blink of an eye, or the click of a mouse.

We are all vulnerable. No computer security program is fool-proof, and this virus proved that to many people, including myself. For every virus fix the computer industry creates, some computer terrorist is trying to write a hastier, more evasive, more destructive one. People often associate hackers with this stigma, but they are often the ones trying to fight off these plagues. Some hackers are insidious, but many work for major corporations in network security and programming.

If you can name just about any aspect of society today, I can probably find a way to associate computers with it. We have forgotten the way to complete certain tasks without the use of these machines, and some tasks simply are not possible without them. Humans need to take a long look at how they have taken advanced technology for granted. Next time you lose power or find a charge on your bill you didn't make, ask yourself why it happened. It might just be one of humanity's greatest achievements working against you.

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99

I appologize for last week's marginal attempt at humor. I let you down by lowering my standards to those of a K. Hess or S. Davis. I promise that in the future I will spend more time working on my cartoons, and less time making my ceramic shoe. Thank you. -B. Sim

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Tales from north of the court

TAMAR SCOGGIN

ECHOES OF ELDORADO

I think I know why freshman year is such bliss. When I was a freshman I lived in Dunham in a first floor quad looking out towards North Court. At least three nights of the week we would peer out our windows towards North Court, beckoned by the thud of music, and the light in the window above the stone wall. Suddenly, work would become irrelevant and out came the pre-gaming necessities of whatever caliber. Wink, wink. Once inhibitions were cast off with the last flick of a bottle cap or puff of smoke, the exodus towards North Court would begin.

As fate would have it, I live in Dunham once again, now as a junior. My third floor room faces the parking lot, so my only distraction is the occasional hum of a car engine. The appeal of a crowded, smoky, and loud North Court party, where all I can ingest is foamy Old Swill, and superficial conversation has become just as irrelevant as work was when I was that carefree freshman.

My actions last night, however, prove that I am a hypocrite. On my way back to the library around 10:15 p.m. I stopped in the Court to stay for five minutes, have a beer, and grab one for the road prior to returning to my room to write an article. I walked in noticing how nice it was that the majority of the lights were still on so I could see into people's eyes. There were no lines for the beer or the bathroom, the cigarette smoke was tolerable, and that I could have decent conversations with friends without having to yell over music and screeching, drunk girls in black pants and tank tops. Yet the night was still very, very young.

I did make it home, if only to drop off my school bag, promptly returning to North Court to find the scene dramatically changed. All I can say is that the exodus had commenced. After having to climb over a table and mark my own hand to get in, I realized a definite change had occurred in the atmosphere. The lights were low and the room clouded in a haze of smoke. The music was battling with the human voices in a 'who could be the loudest' contest. Just about everyone had a cup and the floor was slippery. Consequently, people were fighting gravity and friction left and right. To make it to the beer line I had to apologize to just about everyone I passed, as I was tossed into them like a rag doll at the whim of inebriation.

When I did try to talk to someone I knew, the typical conversation was:

"Hey."

"What?"

"HEY, HOW ARE YOU?"

"Oh, I got here like five minutes ago."

Then I would be pummeled from behind or the side, and my beer would land on someone.

"I am SO SORRY!"

"It's okay, it's North Court."

And we would be swept apart by the flow of the crowd and the din of other conversations.

But watch out for accidents as such with non-friends because there is nothing that some people like to do more than give unnecessary crusties if they are having a bad night, or life.

"I am SO SORRY!"

Crustie (intentional beer spilling).

All right, screw you then, for you should know the minute you walk into a crowded party that there is an unspoken contract you are engaged in that says you will go home smelling like the inside of a keg and the lungs of a chain smoker. I think another stipulation of this contract says that you will either go home with someone, or try your absolute hardest to get someone to go home with you.

What I found the most entertaining was stepping back from the crowd and observing the phenomenon of Hamilton human interaction. The best observation post for this is the area between the front door and the stage. Here you get the drama of the bathroom lines, the dancing drunk girls on the stage, the guys chilling on the ledge above the stone wall, and the crowd extending deep into the darkness, otherwise known as the beer line. I sat on a table, delicately sipping my fifth cup of Old Swill (by then you can't taste much anyway) and chuckling every now and then to myself because of my own wastedness and the wastedness of those around me.

When I was a freshman I would have never been able to go off and chill by myself at a party. I was what you call "herd bound," and insecure as all hell.

But here I was two years later, fulfilling the cycle. I had forsaken my studies to party on Hump Night like I had many a night freshman year. Except this time around my bliss came from a different source. The beer remains the same, P-Funks are as immutable as black pants and tank tops, and somehow the Allman Brothers manage to come on every five minutes at a Chi Psi party, but to me North Court was different last night. I believe I can only call it "nostalgia."

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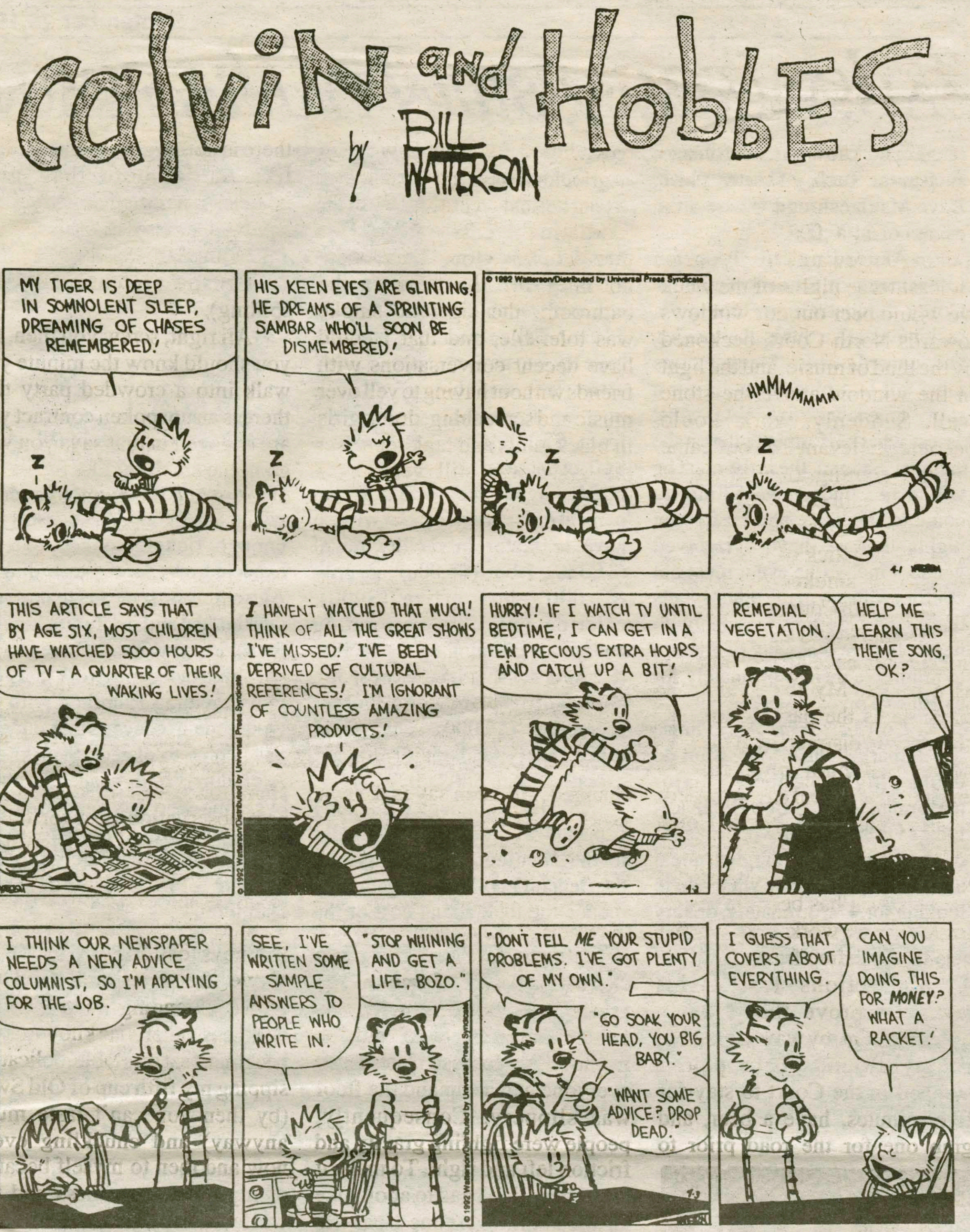

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Campus Crossword

COLD SPELLS by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 First year of the 15th century
5 __ avis
9 Pixieish
14 Shore bird
15 Solemn response
16 __ Haute, IN
17 Bribe money
19 Diaphanous
20 Conference site of 1945
22 Repair
23 Mrs. Smith's rival
26 Mystify
28 Eaten away
29 Food shortage
31 Court cloaks
32 Type type
33 __-Jo (track star)
36 Applications
37 Tender spots
38 "__ This Moment On"
39 *Mal de* __
40 Diamond data
41 Unconcerned
42 Atlas and company
44 Sailors
45 Following
46 Malicious ones
47 Taj Mahal site
48 Ingredient
51 Early strings
53 Summer cooler
57 Commercial cow
58 __ of paradise
59 Stash
60 Bristles
61 Collections
62 Muscle quality

DOWN
1 Hood and St. Helens
2 Animation unit
3 Actress Joanne
4 To the utmost
5 Emulated Finn
6 Entertain
7 Rip apart
8 "__ partridge in . . ."
9 UFO pilots
10 Shearson's former partner
11 VCR button
12 Singer Cara
13 Dweeb
18 Sinks, as a putt
21 __ *Family* (Vicki Lawrence sitcom)
23 Antitoxin
24 Got up
25 "Birches" poet
27 60 secs.
29 Ticonderoga and Wayne
30 Ed, Nancy or Leon
32 Colorful horse
34 Also-ran
35 Signs
37 Long look
38 Most level
40 *Jeanne d'Arc*, for one: Abbr.
41 Essence
43 Where *Roma* is
44 Uses cash
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46 Clever
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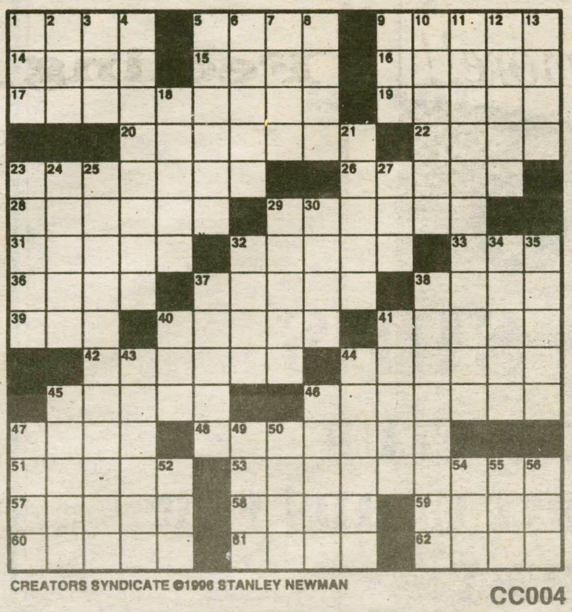
56 Meadow mom



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"The thing you don't realize is the anus is a sphincter muscle, once you get it loose you can drive a train through it."
- Farhan Quazi '99

"I'm so drunk."
- Anonymous freshman girl (in an all-male suite)
"Well,there's a mating call if I ever heard one."
- Abraham Doris-Down '99

" So I spent 20 minutes pumping the sh*t out of it before I went to bed."
- "Crazy" John '01

"The more the floor drinks, the less you drink."
- "Crazy" Joe '02

"So, basically you're saying that a woman's breast is the path to enlightenment?"
- Anonymous male, class of '99
"Yes, exactly."
- Anonymous female, class of '99

"...unless you pull an Andy and Sarah move like I did the other night, where I just kept moving from side to side on top of his lap..."
- Sarah Giarraputo '01, in reference to ???

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Behind the scenes with CAB: Planning *Blues Traveler* show

by Sarah Byrne'00
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In just two weeks, the Stanley Theater in Utica will rock with the sounds of one of the most well-known bands in America: Blues Traveler. Guitars, drums and harmonicas will stir and excite the crowd of 3,000 — 1,200 of whom will be your fellow Hamiltonians. Yes, Blues Traveler is making a stop on their tour to play a show organized by the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

Assistant Dean of Admissions Jay Bonham saw Blues Traveler on their first visit to Hamilton College: "I was a first-year student in the spring of '90 when Blues Traveler came to perform for the then-annual Springfest. Since they had just signed their record deal, nobody knew much about the band.

"However, they certainly did not disappoint the crowd. They actually played in the area which is now Cafe Opus. The college opened the large window panes near Cafe Opus and people danced on the grassy area. About half-way during the concert, it started to pour, but neither the band nor the students stopped. Everyone at the concert knew they had heard something special, but I doubt anybody would have guessed how far the band would go! Since that unforgettable night, I have followed the band and I am really looking forward to their return on October 8!"

When asked why CAB decided to book Blues Traveler Co-Chair Phil Skalski '99 answered "because in addition to the web of logistics that worked out—the community asked for them. Campus surveys conducted in Beinecke and via e-mail during the past two years told us one thing: Hamilton wants to see Blues Traveler.

"One survey yielded over 400 responses - a good twenty five percent of the student body - 300 of which placed Blues Traveler in the top ten bands in demand."

Skalski remarked that other bands in the top ten including Phish, Dave Matthews, and U2 were either "unfortunately out of our price range or not playing in small venues such as the Stanley Theater. Phish, Dave Matthews, and U2 are all in excess of $100,000."

According to Program Coordinator of Student Activities Corey Landstrom, "Booking a major event like this is challenging and unpredictable. Many factors must fall into place in order for a show to occur. First, CAB must assess what performers interest the campus. Second, the artist must be within our budget, be willing to come to this area, and be free on nights that we have a reserved venue. Finally, the event must not conflict with too many other events that night. Conflicts inevitably do occur, but we make every attempt to minimize them. Fortunately for us Blues Traveler worked out."

Co-Chair Irene Agriodimas '01 remarked that "We want to bring high caliber, major performers such as Bob Dylan and Indigo Girls. One-hit-wonder bands or groups with only marginal talent and reputation aren't what we're looking for. Unfortunately, quality costs."

PHOTO COURTESY CAB

Agriodimas gave a hypothetical, yet realistic cost breakdown for a "big-name concert" such as Blues Traveler. "We have to pay an artist fee, which may be anywhere from $30,000 to $60,000, and a middle agent fee, which is ten percent of the artist fee. But we also have to factor in facility rental ($1,350), labor ($4,000), security ($1,000), box office ($900), catering ($1,500), restoration charge for cleaning up the facility ($2,700), bus shuttle service ($550), and radio, print, and poster promotion ($5,000). This could bring the typical major concert expenses up to $80,000."

Skalski commented that total expected révenues from ticket sales to the Hamilton community and the General Public would generally reduce the total actual cost of the show. With these costs in mind, what happens if CAB doesn't sell enough tickets to account for expected revenues? According to Agriodimas, "It means that we run over budget and risk future funding for major concerts." There is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes into providing Hamilton with the type of major concerts that students have come to expect. Skalski and Agriodimas both wished to thank everyone who has supported this event and "look forward to an awesome night of music with 1,200 of our closest friends from Hamilton."

Former Middlebury band, *One Fell Swoop*, to play Barn

by Darcy Lewis '02
A&E WRITER

On Saturday the 26th, CAB will welcome a trio of guys who make up the band *One Fell Swoop* to the Fillius Events Barn. The three band mates, Brad Corrigan, 23, Peter Heimbold, 22, and Chad Urmston, 22, characterize their unique style of music as "tri-vocal funkcoustic instrumental-swap groove."

Each member brings in his own signature style. Chad is an epic storyteller, who plays such varied instruments as the guitar, congas, bass and trombone. Pete is the group's poet. He plays guitar, bass, and various percussion during live sets. Brad is the anchor of the group, the funky drummer who plays a little harmonica.

However, *One Fell Swoop's* best instruments may just be their voices. Their harmony is incredible. The outstanding vocals remain throughout every song, creating a strong sense of unity and individuality all at once. Few other groups have three accomplished vocalists at their disposal.

One Fell Swoop was formed at Middlebury in 1995, and quickly became the hottest show on campus. In summer 1996, OFS recorded their debut album, "silent steeples." The album received much crtical acclaim and quickly gained radio play across the nation. Their songs were even played between periods of the NHL's Colorado Avalanche home games in Denver. In 1997, OFS released a second album entitled "Bang, Bang" which has also been praised.

One Fell Swoop considers their sound to be a "folk-roots funk blend with interwoven threads of reggae and ska." They list such influences as Cat Stevens, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Paul Simon, Led Zeppelin, Creedence Clearwater Revival, and Bob Marley. Many say that the reason for OFS's success is the strength and vitality of their live shows. Spontaneity and improvisation abound and the band adeptly flows from acoustic to electric songs. From funky guitar rifts to roots-driven percussion jams, the band's amazing harmonies are ever-present throughout their intense performance.

One Fell Swoop seems poised to be one of the breakthrough bands of 1998. Dave Dederer, a member of the band The Presidents of the United States Of America, has said that "One Fell Swoop is the greatest band in the world... no really, they've got the juju: catchy songs, spirited playing, sweet three-part harmonies. If the Dave Matthews Band and Boyz 2 Men got in a fist fight, it would sound something like this."

One Fell Swoop has a long history of success, including having "Silent Steeples" named to Vermont's top ten list of best selling local releases in 1996. Their first albumn has sold 2,800 copies to date and "Bang, Bang" has sold 1,500 copies in its first four months of release. Come and see them at 9pm on Saturday, just so you can say "I knew them when."

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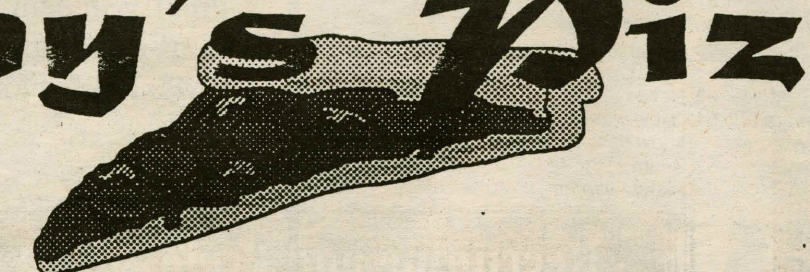

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FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 25 - OCT. 1

by The Mysterious Q
A&E ASTROLOGIST

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
It's your time to shine, Libra. Throw a big party to have fun this weekend. The moon is in your house so there's no need to worry at all. Your lucky shoe is: a sandal.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
Scorpio, you seem to be loving the weather changes and everything else that has been crazy in your life. I am glad to see a smile on your face and others are as well. Keep rolling with all the punches that may come your way. Your lucky sign is: a big, red stop one.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
Make the most of what you have around you, Sagittarius. Although you can think of many more exciting places to be, you can create your own excitement. You do have it in you. Your lucky vitamin is: echinacea.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Someone out there thinks that they are your soulmate, Capricorn. Now is the time to stop playing games and get the truth out. Remember, you aren't the only one who has feelings. Your lucky fish is: a siamese fighting fish.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
Leaving others out of all the fun, Aquarius? You're lucky you have some pretty forgiving friends, but why not think of them some time. Just a little suggestion to make you think. Your lucky sauce is: apple.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
So you never thought this year would be so tough, huh Pisces? That is not a reason to give up and slack off. You may need some extra help but the givers could offer some perks in return. Your lucky meat is: roast beef.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
Is the future something that seems to be taking the joy out of the present day, Aries? Try and ignore the voices in your head and live for the moment. But be smart! Your lucky ticket is: going to be erased.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
The most amazing weekend you have ever had is in store for you, Taurus. Who could have imagined you could be so lucky? Enjoy every minute you can. Expect big smiles from all you come in contact with. Your lucky spot is: Hooters.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Geminis have two distinct sides to their personalities. Be careful not to let them switch too drastically, people may get scared off. Just keep your temper to a minimum this week and things should be okay. Your lucky flower is: a violet.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
Cancer, don't be surprised if you find yourself as popular as a rock star these next few days. You can handle the fame. Try and take some time for yourself when needed or you may become overwhelmed. Your lucky appliance is: a phone.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Are you ready for a break, now? Well, it will be here soon enough so don't put yourself in vacation mode yet. If you venture off the hill this weekend you will see some happy times. Your lucky getaway car is: a friend's.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
Have you been treated nicely by friends lately, Virgo? Don't forget to plan nice things for others sometime. You can't always be the center of attention, so get ready to give up the title. Your lucky cookie is: a half moon.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

SIMON BIRCH B+

COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
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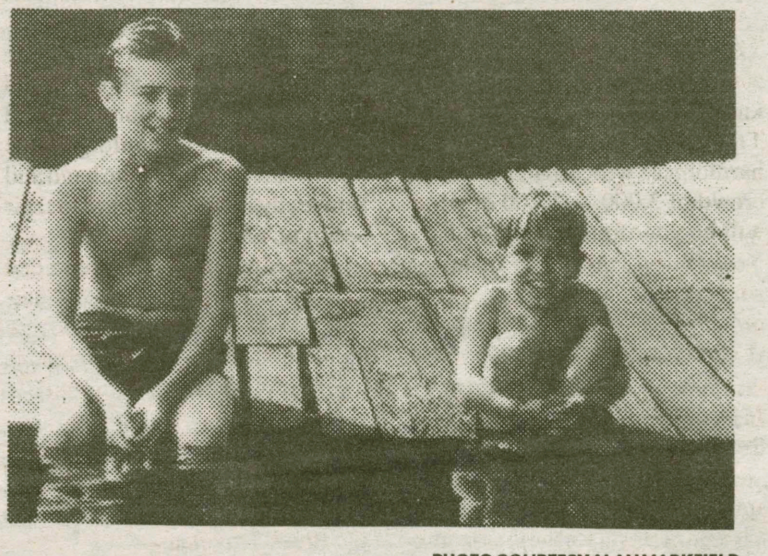
by Kathy Hess '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

People who read *A Prayer for Owen Meany* and enjoyed it for it's dark satire and mystical main character, will have a problem with *Simon Birch*. The movie took an author's idea of a character and turned him into a real person without using special effects. What they got was Ian Michael Smith, a real eleven year old dwarf, which makes for a movie more plausibly realistic than the book. For anyone who read the book *Forrest Gump*, and then saw the movie, this is familiar territory (Forrest becomes a pro wrestler and goes to the moon in the book). It is easier on screen to take literary mystical characters, and make them "real," particularly when they are moralizing. Realistic people are simply more believable to the audience.

It is the difference between books and movies. A book is like a dream, you can have unbelievable things happen in settings that are realistic and not blink an eye. In a movie you have to convince the audience of what they are seeing. Owen Meany could talk IN CAPS, with a high-pitched voice affected by gravel inhalation and be a perfectly functioning miniature person. Simon Birch, played by a real actor, became more realistic, lost the weird voice, and speaks without caps.

The film presents a fable about believing in God, and in yourself. Simon Birch's parents ignore him. The rest of the town doesn't know what to do with him. Instead of being only cute and cuddly (which is the purpose of small people according to most people in Simon's town), he stands in church and declares during the Sunday announcements, "If God's made the church bake sale a priority, we're in a lot of trouble." To Simon's church, these types of outbursts reek of blasphemy, thus Simon g often gets into trouble.

Simon's best friend is Joe



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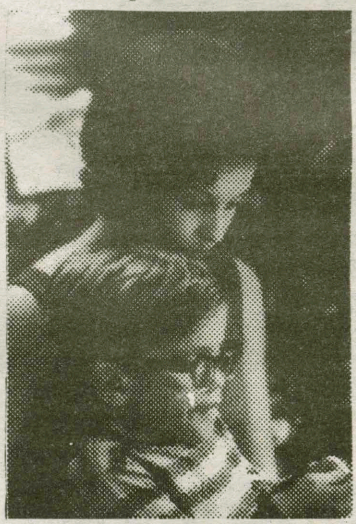
Joseph Mazzello and Ian Michael Smith play "Joe" and "Simon" in "mushy" flick, *Simon Birch*.

Wenteworth (Joseph Mazzello: *Jurassic Park, Shadowlands*). Joe feels ostracized because he is a bastard who does not know the name of his father. His mother, Rebecca Wenteworth (Ashley Judd: *Kiss the Girls*) idealizes the cool, loving, mother for both Joe and Simon. Her role is particularly evident when she sticks up for Simon's opinion that he is a blessing from God and will someday be a hero; Rebecca earns high marks from both boys.

The movie is fairly mushy, like most coming of age movies involving the faith of outcasts, but not too mushy. You feel bad for Simon Birch, but does not pity him. That quality of the film allows it to rise above most sappy films, and move into the rewarding film category.

The actors all do a fine job. The greatest amount of screen time is spent with Simon and Joe, and both of the actors are very good. Ashley Judd is wonderful, and really on screen for too little of the movie. Jim Carrey narrates, and appears as "Adult Joe." Carrey's presence adds weight to the "looking back" quality of the story. You pay more attention because the actor is known, and his part must be pretty important — especially since Jim Carrey took such a small role.

As far as the movie's message of faith, the movie puzzles. Simon Birch is a tiny person whose faith helps him achieve great things. Should faith embody nothing to you, Simon's faith should produce something akin to awe or disbelief. If faith, however, enables you to believe in God, Simon's faith - the point of the film - has kind of a "yeah....and?" feeling to it. It is kind of like a scientist watching another scientist perform a simple, banal experiment. It is satisfying to see the outcome repeated, but there are issues with faith deeper and more interesting than the one that the movie explores.



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Sports

Football awaits Tufts

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making his reads and with Robbie it's a matter of confidence. If he starts off real well and gets into a rhythm then he'll have a very sold game."

Lyons was effective, as was standout receiver Kelby Valenti '99. "Kelby will always make the extra play," added Lyons. "He doesn't drop passes, and he puts up huge numbers because he never drops balls." The passing game was strengthened by a number of reliable targets that Peters has this season. Wide receivers Jordan Alaimo '00, Mike Feuerstein '01, and Frank Vinci '01 all proved that if given the chance they can step up and make big plays. Alaimo had a couple important catches solidifying his position as the number three receiver on the team.

Tight end Tom Carroll '99 bolstered the running attack with some key blocks. And the running game looked impressive as some emerging stars have surfaced. Charles Martin '02 and Chris McCarthy '02 gave Continental fans something to smile about as both scampered for some big yardage. McCarthy could be a big factor in the season opener.

The secondary will probably be comprised of three freshmen when the Continentals face Tufts this weekend. Thatcher Freeborn, Mike Powers, and Dave Spezzano should see significant action against the Jumbos on Saturday.

Moscatel, who hails from Arlington, Massachusetts, is excited to be playing in his backyard this weekend. "Tufts is in Medford which is right next to Arlington, and I am ecstatic about playing in front of my family and friends, so I better play well," Moscatel added in his thick Boston accent.

"I think we can beat Tufts," said an optimistic Frank. "They have a great quarterback and some strong offensive players, but we're hungry for a victory."

Field hockey improves to 1-3

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saves and Loreina Gonzalez '02, who came in with only 22 minutes left, proved herself with six important saves. Coach Hollands credits the goalies, especially Gonzalez, with playing a huge part in the game.

In the home opener versus Vassar, Continentals finally earned their first W. Giotti scored the first goal with 9:47 remaining in the first half. Puttney Hailey '01secured the win for the Continentals by scoring the second goal with an assist by forward Christina Freyre '02. Although the Continental's were outshot 6-12, they triumphed exemplifying quality over quantity. Argadones added seven more saves to her stats and earned her first shut-out of the season.

Coach Hollands praised the team for their great effort and finally, "gelling together." Hollands also attributes the win to the play of right halfback Susan Glah '99, captain Allison Warner '99, and sweeper Jenn Atherton 'XX. Glah took control directing play on both offense and defense and was awarded the game ball.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

After the first goal for the Continentals was scored, Union never stood a chance.

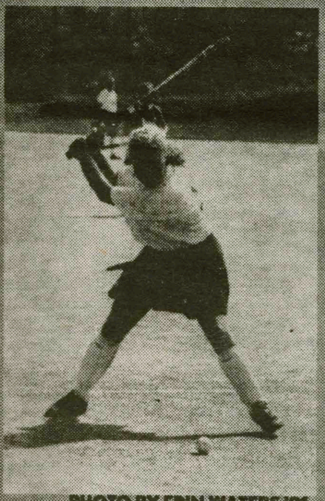

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Susan Glah '99.

Warner proved herself to be a leader on defense and received credit for playing an important part in the shut-out. Atherton found her home in the sweeper position.

In the upcoming games, how the team grows together will determine the overall season record. Friday, the Continentals will play the aggresside and physical team of St. Lawrence on the road. Nationally ranked Hartwick will be more of a challenge on Saturday. While Hartwick and Hamilton have always been rivals, the new Hamilton coaching staff adds salt to the wounds. Now Head Coach Hollands was coach for Hartwick and Assistant Coach Jenn Motica is an alumna. To say the least, the game will be highly competitive.

"Practices are becoming increasingly better, and the tone and tempo are improving," said Coach Hollands. The Continentals prepare for the games to come by working on dominating play and keeping their original intensity up.

"We have high expectations and a long road in front of us," expressed Coach Hollands, "but we'll get there." It is this attitude that will take Hamilton's Field Hockey to a successful future.

Women's x-countrygoes 3-0

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should make us the team to beat this season." Full of confidence, Woolford and Wasilenko lead the team into its first invitational this Saturday.

Tough weather conditions have plagued the Hamilton women, but the upcoming weather predictions have been favorable. No La Niña is gunna wreck the chances of our women first.

Despite the illness of several teamates, the team improved to 3-0.

This team has the two elements that are needed for success: a fast number one runner, and depth, which they have in their top five runners. With its two performances so far, Woolford may be right: Hamilton will be strong.

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Continentals split two games on road

by L.D. Platt '01

SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College men's soccer team ended up splitting two games against two tough teams. They lost to national powerhouse Williams 3-0 and came away with a great victory against Nazareth, 2-1. The men will continue to push towards their first NCAA tournament birth with three home games over the next week.

Williams was a tough test for the Continentals. The Continentals played a tough game against Williams during the first half and played particularly well during the last thirty minutes of the first half.

"Williams plays very conservatively, they don't take a lot of chances. They made a few runs that gave them goals and we couldn't get it done," said coach Nizzi. The men were outshot 13-6 by Williams and couldn't capitalize on their four corner kicks.

Over the next couple of days the players knew what they had to do against Nazareth. "Williams and Middlebury were tough games but they did not hurt us. We laid it on the line for the guys. We know what we have to do," exclaimed coach Nizzi.

The men need to win against the New York teams to have an opportunity to garner an NCAA or an ECAC bid. After getting it done against Union, their next test was Nazareth and the men passed with flying colors.

"This was by far our best game. We played strong from the first whistle to the last." coach Nizzi said. The men played very well. They out-shot Nazareth 21-9 and senior captain goal-keeper Brian Barker added a strong game with seven saves. They also had strong play by seniors Peter Montgomery and Teddy Comerford.

Montgomery played a great game at sweeper and moved up on the final corner kick to head in the winning goal. The men also had a great ball possession helping them gain the win against Nazareth.

Their next game is against Skidmore. Skidmore is a team that is looking for respect; they certainly deserve some after a trying battle against St. Lawrence. Skidmore lost the game 2-1.The Continentals will have a tough test because Skidmore has prepared for Hamilton. The men do have three ''home'' games over the next week. They play Skidmore and Potsdam at home and in between comes Utica.

''I wish we could have had Clarkson thrown into that mix also, but this is an important stretch for us. We are capable of winning all of these games,'' added coach.

Women's soccer still strong

by Nikle Sarris '02

SPORTS WRITER

Sue Viscomi led her women's soccer team onto the field Saturday, September 19th, expecting nothing less than an incredible game. At 12:30, kickoff, the ladies showed their coach and the crowd that they would dominate the game against Russell Sage.

Thirteen minutes into the game Jessica Elliott nailed a shot from outside the penalty box. Pumped, Hamilton quickly stepped up the intensity in the game and five minutes later freshman Emily Bayley crossed an amazing ball that rebounded and went in compliments of Kelly McKeown.

At half time, Hamilton was up 2-0, and confident about its playing style.

The second half shot off to a quick start. Less than one minute in, Emily Bayley got her turn and fired in a goal. Hamilton's Julia Guastella scored the fourth goal from a through-ball passed by fellow freshman Ellie Thompson.

Russell Sage scored two goals in the second half, but could not match the momentum Hamilton had built up. Hamilton walked out of the game with a 4-2 victory, but star sweeper Gwen Matuszek was sidelined due to an injury suffered in the second half.

The next game for the women was a faceoff with the bitter rival, Union. To add anxiety to the game, it was not played on Hamilton turf, but in Union. Stressed, and missing their starting sweeper, Hamilton made some adjustments and stood back to see what happened.

Turns out, things were not so bad. "Liz Greene and Amanda Siepiola, both playing in new positions on defense due to Matuszek's injury, played well in the back," Coach Viscomi said. Union scored two goals off restarts, and left the field up 2-0 at half time.

Hamilton would not be discouraged.

In the second half, freshman talent Julia Guastella hammered in a shot that made the score 2-1. She almost scored another goal to even out the match, but luck just was not on our side and the ball could not find the back of the net. The game ended in a 1-2 loss for Hamilton, making their record 3-1. Sophomore Lauren Spoon thought the team played "really, really well the second half."

Sue Viscomi had a bit more to add: "Our play was very tentative the first half, but we got fired up at halftime and played much more aggressively for the last 45 minutes. Considering we lost 4-0 last year, this was a moral victory of sorts." On September 26, at 1 p.m. the ladies will be looking to increase their record to 4-1 against Clarkson. I recommend you go and watch them do it.

Women's tennis continues to roll

by Elizabeth Crispino '01

SPORTS WRITER

On Tuesday, the Continentals faced powerhouse William Smith, crushing them 7-2. At the number one spot, Eileen Wildman soundly defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-2, while number two seed Jessica Li Shih had to default her match after throwing her back out. Mindy Bell played a great first set, but eventually was overcome 6-0, 3-6, 4-6.

Emma McLaren, Ana Venturas, Jenny Scharfeld and Nicole Barnard all closed out their opponents easily, while Kate Spiers struggled in her match, but was losing 4-6, 2-6. In doubles action, Hamilton dominated, preserving the victory.

The following day, Hamilton faced a tough Union team, suffering their first loss of the season, 3-6. Eileen Wildman played a tough match, but was overcome 2-6, 6-7(4). With Jessica Li Shih out with a back injury, Mindy Bell stepped up to the number two spot, winning easily 6-2, 6-1; Emma McLaren also played well through a tough three setter to win, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2. In doubles, the team of Wildman and Bell was able to pull out a victory, but the teams of Erickson and Venturas and McLaren and Scharfeld, were beaten by their opponents, despite strong play. Coach Austin stated, "We got beat by a good team. They are strong, with some solid freshman. We had to shift the doubles teams around due to Jessica being out with her back injury, and we were not able to practice with these new teams. We look forward, however, to playing this team again in the conference championships."

On Friday, Hamilton took their frustration out from the loss on the Cortand team, shutting them out 9-0. All the singles players easily beat their opponents.

Eileen Wildman won 6-4, 6-1 at the number one spot, Mindy Bell crushed her opponent 6-0, 6-1, and Emma McLaren came out with a 6-2, 6-2 win.

In doubles, Hamilton continued its dominance, with all teams beating their Cortland counterparts by a significant margin.

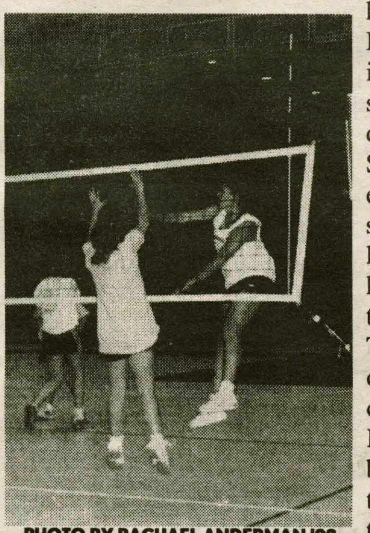
Auston comments, "We played well from top to bottom. In terms of concentration, we were able to play consistently at our level of play, and force them to play up to us. We kept our focus and got the job done."

Volleyball stalls at 2-3

by David Zane '02

SPORTS WRITER

The 1998-99 edition of Hamilton's volleyball team is a much different squad than the one that took the court last season. The team boasts eight first years, four of which start and are off to a respectable 3-4 start, with wins over SUNY Utica, Alfred, and Utica/SUNY Rome.



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Another tough practice for the Continentals.

Coach Robin Penoyer, beginning her first year as head volleyball coach, sees this season as a rebuilding year, as the team relies heavily on their young talent to carry them through the grueling season. Coach Penoyer's philosophy is that "[the players] learn as much as they can now, so that the first-years can have a better time in the future." Coach Penoyer goes on to stress that her goal is "to have a more complete team."

This goal can only be achieved through consistent play of the team, and will take time. This season's schedule probably will not help the players very much either, as the team only has three out of their thirteen remaining games at home. Another factor, is that the Continentals play in the NESCAC, conference, a very competitive conference as far as volleyball goes.

There are some factors that the team does have going for them though, such as senior captain Jen Lentek. This year Jen has helped Coach Penoyer immensely, who says that "Jen has done a great job. She has great enthusiasm, she's a great leader, and she helps to get the team motivated." This team consists of senior co-captain Jen Lentek, who believes "that this team has talent and a lot of potential, but it is just a matter of putting everything together." The team also includes juniors Carolyn Carpenter and Sarah Tschampel. The sophomores as lead by co-captain Korey O'Malley, and also include Kara Sterling. The eight talented first-years including co-captain Kate Clark, Kelly Aitkin, Ali Jackson, Leah Bryne, Heather Onderick, Lauren Cuozzo, Meredith Waltman, and Allison Rieck.

Men run well at Saratoga

By Emily Hill '01

SPORTS WRITER

Faring better against strong winds than warmth and humidity, the team suffered a disappointing 15 to 44 loss to RPI. At the onset of the race, another win seemed to be within their grasp, as several Hamilton runners were up with the lead pack, fiercely competing for the top spots.

Unfortunately, this early domination proved to be misleading. After the three mile mark the Continentals began to fade, and RPI, making use of their home course, and the advantage of having run two meets already, pulled ahead for the win.

Leading the Hamilton men was Scott Taylor '01, powering across the line of the scenic 5 mile course in 28:40. He came in eighth overall, with freshman Mac Weiss finishing in tenth place, wih a time of 28:47. Sophomore Sam Brown finished a second behind Weiss for 11th place, and Shane Tibbitts '01 followed close behind with a time of 28:58.

Sophomore Seth O'Bryan '01 remarked that, "the team has some work to do, both physically and mentally, before we can be where we want to be, (though) with the right training and desire we can and will be there by the end of the season." This view is echoed by many others on the team, who realize they have the potential to go far if everyone runs to the best of his ability.

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Sat. Sep 26	Tufts 1:30 pm	Hartwick 3 pm		Skidmore noon	Clarkson 1 pm	St. John Fisher 12/2 pm	Rolex Tourney TBA	Union 11 am	St. John Fisher 11 am
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Tues. Sep 29				Utica 4 pm	William Smith 4 pm		Oneonta 4 pm	Cortland 7 pm	
Wed. Sep 30		Oswego 4:30 pm							
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Denver at Washington 9/27	Redskins	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos
Seattle at Pittsburgh 9/27	Seahawks	Steelers	Seahawks	Steelers	Seahawks
Kansas City at Philadelphia 9/27	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs
Oakland at Dallas 9/27	Raiders	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
Minnesota at Chicago 9/27	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Bears	Vikings
Bengals at Ravens 9/27	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Bengals
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Cal Ripkin, Neon Deion and Oscar de la Hoya

DAVE BOLGER
A VIEW FROM THE BLEACHERS

Was the Time Really Right?

Just as Steve Trachsel became the answer to a trivia question a few weeks ago, this past week 2,632 became the newest trivia answer. The question, of course, is what is the record for consecutive games played in baseball?

As Cal Ripken finally put an end to the streak, the press immediately threw their two cents in saying whether or not they thought Ripken did the right thing. So naturally, I feel obligated to throw in my two cents as well.

I agree with most in saying that the time was right for the streak to end. However, my reasons for saying so are different than most. The time was right for one reason and one reason only – because Ripken said so.

I have read so-called "experts" that have said the streak should have ended a year ago because it had become a strain on the team. These "experts" have said that Ripken's numbers have declined since the streak and he was hurting the team.

Gimme a break. Okay, his numbers, are down but it's not like he's hitting .150. If it was okay for Ripken to play with a badly swollen knee years ago, then it is okay for Ripken to play now.

The time was right because Ripken said so. And he did it right too. He just decided it was time and went in to the manager's office and told him to take his name out of the line-up. No major press conference to announce the decision. No planned special date.

Ripken decided it was time, and that was that. And now he's back in the line-up to do his job just the way he did for the past 2,632 games. That's what being baseball's Iron man is all about.

Deion the QB?

After whooping it up on the Giants, reports out of Dallas are that Deion Sanders was supposed to be used at quarterback in short yardage situations.

On third-and-one, the Cowboys planned on using Sanders as an option quarterback. The cornerback/returner/receiver was to add another slash to his repertoire.

GIMME A BREAK. The man is a very good athlete. I'll even go as far as to say he's a great athlete. But so are most of the players in the NFL. Yes, I know he played professional baseball as well as football. So did Bo Jackson and Brian Jordan.

There are numerous professional athletes that had to make a decision between more than one sport. John Elway, Tom Glavine, Brian Leetch, Charlie Ward, to name a few. And there have been many players that have played more than one position. Sanders is not that special, he's a media hound. He loves the attention. And Cowboy owner Jerry Jones loves the attention his team gets so he lets Sanders have free reign.

Take any number of cornerbacks in the NFL and they can do what he does. Yes, he's a very good kick returner. But so was Rod Woodson. And Rod Woodson can tackle! Sanders is not THAT special.

And I do not buy that born again stuff either. To me, he's still the same cocky person he was before. Instead of showboating for money, he now does it for the Lord...and money. GIMME A BREAK!

What happened to Boxing?!?!

I can remember a time not long ago when boxing was in vogue. There was Iron Mike and then Big 'Ol George. People actually cared (and knew) who the heavyweight champ was. Now no one knows who the heavyweight champ is, and no one really cares.

May I make a suggestion that may spark a new interest in boxing. Check out Oscar de la Hoya. Granted he isn't a heavyweight, but this guy is the best thing to come along in years.

This past week he solidified himself as the best by manhandling living legend Julio Caesar Chavez for the second time.

It blows my mind how this fight did not have a bigger press following. A fight of this caliber should be a big deal in the sports world. Perhaps people are sick of the violent sport.

Perhaps people are disenchanted because of all the Don Kings and Mike Tysons. Whatever the reason, it is unfortunate because they are missing one of the greatest fighters of our time.

And while we're talking about boxing, it is worth mentioning Evander Holyfield. The man who has become well known for his religion as his right hook has given people another chance to dislike boxers.

The devout Christian has admitted to fathering 2 children out-of-wedlock in the last year. That brings the count up to eight. Eight children. Four women. One wife.

I don't know what form of Christianity Holyfield is practicing, but to my knowledge there is not one that allows that many acts of adultery.

I guess that ESPN commercial was right in picking Papa Holyfield for its "Daycare" spot. With eight kids, he should know something about taking care of children.

The *Spectator* Athlete of the Week

by W.S. Hadala III '00
SPORTS WRITER

This week Christina Freyre '02 was named the Spectator Athlete of the Week for scoring in four straight field hockey games. Freyre's heroics on the field include two goals against RPI, a goal against Skidmore, and an important game clinching assist against Vassar.

Christina has a total of 3 goals and 3 assists on the year thus far. In addition to being honored by the Spectator, Freyre also made the NESCAC honor role for her performance.

Christina, nicknamed "Wheels", back in high school had a tremendous high school career, playing for the Greenwich High School Cardinals.

As a junior, she was the MVP of the Fairfield Connecticut Championship. Freyre built on this as a senior, being named Offensive Player of the Year, as well as the MVP of the State All-Star game.

This season as a Continental, Christina said "she wanted to play her hardest, and score at least 15 goals."

As for team goals, Christina is hoping the entire team will come together, and make Hamilton a name to be reckoned with in field hockey. In addition to playing field hockey, Christina plans on running indoor track.

Coach Hollins has been a key mentor in Christina's career here at Hamilton. "She's great. She has faith and respect for the team," Christina beamed. "Hollins pushes us to the outer limits of our potential. She has high hopes for the field hockey team, and our future."

I asked Christina about her other passion, indoor track, and she said, "I like track in general, but indoor track is the only track that I have the time to do right now. Track is a big part of my life."

"I am a very competetive person, and track is mostly an individual sport. Not only do I compete on a team level, but I also compete on an individual level," Christina said.

She is dedicated in the most professional way, and no team could ask for a better athlete.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Christina Freyres is a first-year standout who has already marked an impressive stat sheet after only four games with the lady Continentals.

Hamilton was an obvious choice for this stellar athlete. When asked about her decision to come here, she said, "There was definitely something different about Hamilton. I liked most of the small New England schools that I visited, but something about Hamilton felt special." Upon hearing that, this reporter felt proud to be a student here.

When at home in Greenwich, Christina said she "likes to stay fit, and do that teenager thing." Furthermore, she likes to go into New York City. Freyre's favorite band is Dave Matthews, who she thinks puts on the best concert of any artist. As for her favorite movie Christina loves the drama about a runner, "Prefontane," and of course the 80's classic, "Top Gun."

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Senior sensation Susan Glah '99 another Greenwich High School alumn had this to say about Freyre: "What can say, she comes from good roots. She is incredibly talented, and we are lucky to have her on the team. She has proved herself time and again to be an outstanding player."

The Spectator congratulates Athlete of the Week Christina Freyre for a great week of field hockey, and we wish her, and the entire field hockey team, good luck over the rest of the season and the coming playoffs.

Men's tennis looks toward tourney on road

by Courtney Dane '99
SPORTS WRITER

After a few weeks of hitting together, the men's tennis does not seem to have a weak end. With consistently hard hitters returning, and the rather tough incoming first years, the team will be incredibly strong and bring the Continentals many victories this year.

> **We're just a bunch of good looking guys out to win some tennis matches.**

Men's tennis continues working hard as they near their upcoming match at Nazarath College, the Flower City tournament. In two weeks the Continentals will prepare to play tough at one of their biggest and most difficult tournaments of the season, the Rolex Tournament.

Top players Ben Pinchin '99, John Plum '00, John Belniack '99 and Eric Teruel '01 hope to make this an exceptionally successful season by bringing the Continentals a victory this upcoming weekend at Nazarath College. The team to improve on last season's 8-8 record.

When asked about how the team is hitting together this year, Justin Lew 99 said "We're just a bunch of good looking guys out to win some tennis matches. Good luck to the team this weekend."

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Continentals focus on Tufts opener

by Peter Ringel '01
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a case of the good, the bad, and the ugly during the Continentals loss to Amherst on Saturday, 34-0. The game was only a scrimmage, and Amherst is one of the best teams in the NESCAC. But even still, the result had to leave players, coaches, and fans shaking their heads. "We viewed the scrimmage as a practice, not a game," said head football coach Steve Frank. "The fact is whenever you keep score you want to win and we didn't. We saw some very good things out there and some things that we need to correct."

The Continentals defensive line was exceptional. Hamilton's defensive line was led by veterans Jim Davis '99 and Ron Thomas '01. Davis' mammoth strength and ability was evident as he outhustled Amherst's offensive line. Thomas exhibited outstanding quickness for a defensive lineman.

Another area of the defense which played extremely well was the linebacking core. Mario Henderson '00, Adam Moscatel '99, and Keith Riccio '99 provided both strength and speed at the linebacker position. Their tenacious pursuit helped stall the Amherst running game all day. Moscatel complimented Henderson, who played the first game of his career at linebacker. "Mario's playing rover, which is the passing linebacker position," said Moscatel. "He concentrates on the pass, and he has great foot speed and is a big hitter. The experience he brings from playing defensive back is helping him a lot."

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Charles Martin '02 shakes off an Amherst defender in the Continental loss on their home field.

The area the Continentals must shore up is the secondary. Last year at this time the secondary was one of the strongest parts of the defense with Kyle Bennett '98, Chris Finley '98, and Henderson. But on Saturday the names in the secondary were new to most Continental fans. Amherst capitalized on the fact that the majority of starters in the secondary were freshmen. "Our secondary will be okay," Frank quipped. "The freshmen all got beat deep on the fade ball, and that's the hardest ball to defend in football."

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"The freshmen defensive backs proved they could play in this league," added Moscatel. "This was their first look at a NESCAC school, and their play gets better with every practice."

Offensively, the Continentals were inconsistent. "The offense looked good in some spots and needs work in other spots," commented Frank. "We were hurt by penalties, but we're still very encouraged."

Quarterback Robbie Peters '00 was very effective in picking apart the Amherst defense. The main problem was that when Amherst rushed him hard, Peters put his head down and ran. "Robbie put on about ten pounds this year," said wide receiver Shawn Lyons '99. "He scares me when he runs, and I tell him that he's not a running back—he's a quarterback. But he's been

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Field hockey crushes Union in home match

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS WRITER

When Field Hockey kicked off their season on the road against Skidmore, they were nervous and intimidated. Although it took one game to start playing together well, Coach Karen Hollands believes the bonding experience of playing away will eventually help the team. After their disappointing loss to Skidmore, the team fixed their eyes on the goal never letting it out of their sight. The Continentals played like a completely different team in their second game against Renssalaer. Coach Hollands instituted a new formation before the game making a huge difference in the outcome of the game. Also, the outcome was positively affected by the team working on better passing and stick work.

In the home opener versus Vassar, Continentals finally earned their first W. Giotti scored the first goal with 9:47 remaining in the first half.

Although they were outshot 6-19, they were able to keep the score close, losing by only one goal. Captain Allison Warner '99 scored the first goal for Hamilton off of a corner with assists by Weatherly Ramsey '00 and captain Cassey Giotti '99. With only seven minutes remaining in the first half, Giotti scored the Continental's second goal of off a penalty stroke. Both teams went scoreless in the second half. Giotti received the game ball for her hard work on offense.

Coach Hollands attributes goalkeeper Irene Agradones '01 with keeping the game competitive. Agradones had one save in the first half and seven saves in the second half. Coach Hollands was pleased with the team's performance and efffort. She felt it was the first time they clicked as a team.

"We realized that we can play the game well," said forward Colleen Trzaskos '02, "It was a confidence booster after the disappointing loss."

The two day road trip motivated the Continentals to try to crush their next opponents. However, the enthusiasm increase could not deter their third opponent, Union. The Continentals were not accustomed to such physical play. Hamilton also lost two goals because of penalties. Trzaskos scored the first goal with eleven minutes remaining in the first half. Continuing her streak with 22:17 left, Giotti scored of a penalty stroke. Ramsey also added a goal with ten minutes left in the game to bring the score to 5-3.

The goalkeepers performed well also. Argadones had six

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Women's x-country remain undefeated

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team continued dominating its opponents this past weekend with victories over Wesleyan and RPI. Despite the illness of several teamates, the team improved to 3-0.

A Wesleyan and RPI runner finished first and second, respectively, with Hamilton's top five runners finishing third through seventh, achieving a score of 25. Leading the team for the second consecutive meet was tri captain Tara Woolford '99, with a very competitive time of 19:12, followed by Maggie Hanson '02, Annie Toth '02, tri captain Katie Wasilenko '99, and Emily Hill '01.

As Toth explained, "We worked together throughout the entire race, and although a Wesleyan runner claimed first and an RPI runner second, no one could break up our pack.

Coming in within 20 seconds of each other, our top five runners claimed the next five places, and led the team to victory." The top five runners' times have not been this close in more than 3 years.

Last week, the team crushed Union, 46-15. Tara Woolford '99 finished first overall with a time of 19:28.8 over 3.1 miles. Katie Wasilenko '99, Maggie Hanson '02, Annie Toth, and Emily Hill '01 rounded out the top five Hamilton runners and completed the victory with very close times of 19:48.1, 19:55.2, 19:56.7, and 20:20.3, respectively.

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The Continentals hope to maintain the high level of play that made last season so successful.

Looking forward to this weekend's meet, Hill remarked that, "The meet this weekend in Rochester at St. John Fisher is a big invitational, with prizes and t-shirts; so while it doesn't officially count towards our state standings, it will be fun to see how weplace against various teams from around the region." Woolford had this to say about Saturday's victory: "RPI is one of our biggest rivals. Plus, they were ranked fourth in the state coming into this meet, and we beat them. Our strength, as one can see from our 1-5 split [times], is running in packs. This

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Football	0-0
Field Hockey	1-3
Golf	43-14-1
Men's Soccer	0-0
Women's Soccer	3-1
Women's Tennis	4-1
Women's Rugby	1-0
Men's Rugby	1-1
Volleyball	2-3
Men's X-Country	1-2
Women's X-Country	3-0